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# Death toll tops 200 in Indian religious riots

The Indian prime minister, accused of failing to protect Muslims as religious violence spreads, is fighting for his political life

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LUCKNOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AT LEAST 200 people were killed and 1,000 injured when riots erupted across India yesterday after the demolition of an ancient mosque by Hindu militants on Sunday.

Police said they shot dead 40 rioters in Bombay and the death toll across India was

expected to rise sharply. Paramilitary police were poised to retake Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, occupied by tens of thousands of Hindus flushed with success after they razed the Muslim building. A senior officer of the Central Reserve Police Force said: "We are preparing to move." He said that the prime minister, Narasimha Rao, would

The government anounced a ban on extremist roups. Its chief spokesman, S. Narendra, said that Delhi was preparing a list of organ-isations to be outlawed, including Muslim fundamentalist groups and the World Hindu Council, which led the

A Hindu temple in Derby was set on fire yesterday in suspected arson attack that police believe may be linked to the destruction of the Ayodhya mosque. The ground floor was gutted and damage assessed at £60,000 was caused.

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attack on the mosque. They would have their bank accounts seized and would not be allowed to operate offices or

hold public meetings.

Mr Narendra said that authorities would rebuild the mosque and take "the strongest action possible under the law against those who instigated and carried out the assault. The Supreme Court. which had ordered Hindus not to tear down the mosque. instructed lawyers to file charges against the leaders of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, which supported the plan to build a

temple on the mosque site. A party of British MPs was attacked by Hindus in Bombay and the Foreign Office warned travellers to avoid volatile areas in the north of India. The all-party group of MPs, including Jack Straw. The Labour environment spokesman, was travelling under armed police escort in a bullet-proof car from the air-

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port to the centre of Bombay when a stone was hurled. Mr Straw, deputy leader of the delegation, said: "The police were on one side of the road and people, armed with rocks, were ranged on the other side. Suddenly someone let fly with a huge rock which hit the window by me. Fortu-nately the glass did not break, but it shook me. I suspect the rock was meant for the police but that we just got in the Bombay's police chief said

that 48 buses were damaged or burnt and ten places of worship attacked by mobs of up to 10,000. A Bombay policeman was killed with a

After arson and rioting in Calcutta in which four people died, an indefinite curfew was clamped over the whole of India's largest city, which has 12 million people, a third of them Muslim Unconfirmed reports said that mobs set two Hindu men ablaze. Dozens of wholly or partly under curiew last night.

Troops were called out in many towns, including Bhopal, where clouds of smoke covered the skyline of the old quarter as enraged Muslims set fire to at least three Hindu

Tension in Ayodhya was kept high by militant Hindus building a temporary temple to house idols of the warriorking Lord Rama. They say that the mosque sat on his

Mr Rao is fighting for survival. Already there are determined calls from both opponents and supporters of his Congress (I) party for him to go. He made the mistake of trusting the BJP, which promised that it would protect the mosque. The fiasco of disorganisation and indecision continued yesterday. There was nothing to be seen of the 13,000 paramilitary troops supposedly committed by Mr Rao for protection of



Victim of violence: an injured Muslim in Dhaka yesterday, where 150 Bangladeshis were hurt in clashes

# 'The prejudice and hostility are chilling'

UNBELIEVABLY, you could amble across the normally teeming streets of central Bombay early yesterday after-noon. It felt more like a suburban pedestrian precinct than one of the world's busiest, noisiest cities. The taxis, trishaws, ox carts

and lorries had virtually disappeared. There were just office workers, thousands of them, but very quiet, walking in one direction only: to the Church Gate railway station. They had all been sent home early because of the trouble.

For most of these workers and their families there will be no trouble. As with the middle classes in Northern Ireland, it will almost always



Jack Straw, MP, caught up in yesterday's violence during a visit to Bombay, asks if secular India can avoid a slide into fanaticism and bloodshed

occur somewhere else. Yet there is the deepest anxiety about where Ayodhya may

The choice before India is a stark one. It is whether it stays a secular state or slides into the abyss of a sectarianism. It is the former that the government of P.V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, is fighting to protect; the latter which the extreme Hinby Muslims? I'm not prejudiced, but they are poor and know no better." Mr Rao has been sharply criticised for not acting sooner. But the BJP state government in Uttar Pradesh had iven undertakings to the

seeking to achieve. Most Hindus have always lived in peace and harmotty with India's 100 million Mus lims. But the prejudice and hostility of BJP leaders whom I have met are chilling. On the plane south last week I found myself sitting next to a BJP MP. Did I understand, he

asked, that "90 per cent of the

crime in India is committed

du, BJP opposition party is

had few legal or political grounds to impose direct rule unless and until those undertakings were broken.

Supreme Court that it would

protect the mosque. Mr Rao

Indeed, had Mr Rao acted preemptively, he might well have played into the BJP's hands. As it is, few doubt that the BJP has been profoundly, maybe fatally, weakened by riding the tiger of religious

# Queen Mother may miss wedding

By Alan Hamilton

AS WITH all wedding arrangements, the Princess Royal's plans for her wedding to Commander Timothy Laurence in Scotland on Saturday were disturbed by hiccups yesterday. One was quickly resolved, the other was not Moving the royal yacht to Scotland proved to be prob-lematical, but only briefly. There was greater confusion over the movements of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. whom Clarence House said

"had no plans to be in Scot-land this weekend". She had not yet decided whether to attend, but it was emphasised that there was no question of her being unwell. "Queen Elizabeth has a number of private engagements over the weekend, and it is a question of whether she disappoints a number of people who are hoping to see her," a spokes-

The royal yacht Britannia suffered an engine failure barely a quarter of a mile from its home base at Portsmouth

as it headed for Edinburgh to host the Queen's dinner for visiting heads of state at the European summit on Friday. The 39-year-old vessel limped back to her berth for urgent repairs, but by last night was steaming north

The Princess Royal will join the Oueen and other members of the royal family on board on Friday night to greet the heads of state at the close of the summit. They will fly to Continued on page 2, col 3



# **Poll says** 75% in UK want vote on EC

By Our Foreign Staff

WITH only four days until the Edinburgh summit. John Major's European Community problems seemed to be growing last night.

Three-quarters of Britons want a referendum on Britain's future in the Community before it ratifies the Maastricht treaty. A Gallup poll for the BBC also found that more than half those surveyed believe the UK has not gained overall from EC membership. The prime minister also

faced new difficulties in reaching a deal on future financing of the Community. European solidarity on the farm trade deal between the EC and United States also crumbled further last night as more governments supported France's opposition.

Laurits Toernaes, the Dan-

ish agriculture minister, said he considered the Washington accord only "a proposal". Ire-land also said it had "doubts" about the compatibility of the agreement on farm subsidies.

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# Council tax snobs plead to pay more

By RACHEL KELLY

THE mundane matter of a council tax valuation band has replaced a fashionable address as the latest status symbol for householders. Councils and estate agents report that many householders are planning to appeal against their banding and seek to be placed in a higher category — even though they will have to pay more tax if

Such homeowners believe that the status and potential boost to their property price more than compensates, as the council bands are being used as a de facto guide to house prices, although the valuations are more than a year out of date.

Peter Kelsey, managing di-rector of Royal Life Estates, the second-biggest estate agency chain in the country, said: "We're getting this all the time. People want to be in higher bands for the prestige and snob value.

Harry Hill, managing director of Hambro Country-wide, said: "People might pay an extra £70 odd to be in a higher band, but when they come to sell that could be relatively petty cash compared to the higher price they might achieve."

Transitional relief will minimise the difference between bands. Mr Hill said it was too early to say whether agents will describe a house Band E."

Most such appeals are in London and the South-East, with East Hertfordshire district council, the London borough of Bexley, King's Lynn and West Norfolk borough council, and Bristol district council all reporting homeowners complaining their

band is too low.

Appeals will be dealt with
by the Inland Revenue next April, although most will be from homeowners wishing to be in lower bands to pay less

# **US** troops prepare for dawn landing

By MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND SAM KILEY IN BAIDOA

**HUNDREDS** of US marines are expected to fly by helicop-ter into Somalia at dawn tomorrow in the first stage of Operation Restore Hope. The marines will secure the airports at Mogadishu, the capi-tal, and at Baidoa, 200 miles

to the west.

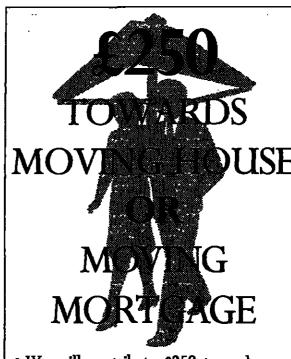
Marlin Fitzwater, the White
House spokesman, said yesterday that the American forces were "moving into position". American F14 jet fighters from the aircraft carrier, USS Ranger, flew over Mogadishu on reconnaissance missions. At the weekend, US Hercules transport aircraft also flew about a dozen practice runs over the country

American defence officials said some US special forces teams, trained in local cultures and language, were already in Somalia. The dawn operation will be launched from the amphibious assault ship, USS Tripoli, off the Somalian coast. The airlift of 26,000 marines and infantry will begin once the key airports and ports have been secured.

A total of 28,000 American marines and infantry will be involved in the humanitarian operation to help the starving. The airlift is expected to get under way within a week after the two airfields and their surrounding areas are cleared of roving bands of heavilystealing the relief aid.

A huge supply ship will arrive off Somalia today carrying food, water, fuel and other equipment required to help sustain the operation. More than 700 vehicles on board include seven M1AI
Abrams tanks, 27 amphibious
assault vessels, 26 light
armoured vehicles, at least
100 combat-proven Jeeps
from the Gulf war, trucks, earthmovers and two huge forklifts to move the food.

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# Home Office defends search for files on Clinton

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JONATHAN PRYNN

BILL Clinton, the American president-elect, is to be assured by the British government that the Home Office did not act improperly in checking records for information about him during the US election campaign. However. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, has ordered a review of his department's press office guidelines on confidentiality to ensure that they are working properly.

As Clinton aides and British officials continued to play down any suggestions of ill feeling between Mr Clinton and John Major over the role of Tory party workers in the campaign to re-elect George Bush. it was confirmed that a senior Labour

strategist had been brought in by Mr Clinton in the final weeks of the presidential election.

Philip Gould, who headed the shadow communications agency, the polling, advertising and marketing body behind Labour's last two election campaigns, went to Mr Clinton's headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas, to advise his team on how to counter what were perceived as Tory tactics.

Mr Gould swiftly concluded that the Bush campaign was borrowing heavily from the Conservative attacks on Labour on tax and other issues and suggested how Mr Clinton should respond. According to The New Yorker last week, Mr Gould was toasted by the Clinton campaign team after his victory.

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Mr Clarke was questioned by the

Commons home affairs committee yesterday about the disclosures that confidential immigration files were searched for information about Mr Clinton. He confirmed that Home Office officials checked to see if Mr Clinton had applied for British citizenship to avoid the Vietnam draft while he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford in the late 60s. Responding to MPs' questions, Mr Clarke

insisted that there had been "no improper use" of the Home Office during the United States election campaign.

The search was made in October after the Home Office press office was approached by British journalists about stories appearing in the US press that Mr Clinton had applied for critizenship to dodge the Vietnam draft. Mr Clarke said that the check

had been carried out simply to confirm that the stories had no substance and that no confidential information had been disclosed.

He said that the press officer concerned, who had not sought authorisation for the search from ministers, had confirmed in background briefings with British journalists that they were "barking up the wrong tree" and that there was no point in pursuing the story. If the search had thrown up any personal information on Mr Clinton this would not have been disclosed. Mr Clarke told the committee.

The press officer had judged that a straight "no comment" would have "had the effect of leaving the story running" and leave people with the impression that there was something in it, Mr Clarke said. He added that

he was satisfied that there had been "no improper use made of Home Office records in this particular case", and that there was therefore no grounds for disciplinary action. However, he added that would hold discussions with the department's chief press officer about how in future politically sensitive requests of this kind should be handled.

Mr Clarke's explanation failed to satisfy Labour MPs on the committee who said there had been a breach of guidelines even though no confidential information had been disclosed. Barbara Roche. Labour MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, said the disclosure that records had been checked without the authorisation of the person involved would "cause concern to anyone applying for UK citizenship".

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POLITICAL SKETCH

# Ritual dancing: a beginner's guide

Travellers to far-off lands sometimes return with tales about the enigmatic ways in which the natives communicate. Learning the language is pointless, they say, for nobody says what he means. A casual remark about the early appearance of the apple blossom is meant as an enquiry about the visitor's health. A request for directions to a local shrine is in fact an offer to change dollars at a preferential rate. Statements are intended as salutations, warnings are really requests:

smiles are complaints.

Before we sneer at the language patterns of other tribes, we would do well to look closer to home — at an exceptionally savage little tribe, of whom 651 inhabit Westminster. MPs.

Study, for instance, one of the commonest forms of social intercourse among them: an exchange known as "Questions". "Asking" these questions bears not the slightest resemblance to the activity we normally describe as questioning. The only nod in that direction is that the utterance does sometimes take the interrogative form ("should he?" instead of "he should") and is sometimes, sometimes. printed afterwards in Hansard with a question mark at the end. But there the resemblance ends. Take 'questions" to the law offi-

cers on Monday...
Mr John Austin-Walker
(Lab. Woolwich) asks the
Solicitor General, Sir Derek
Spencer QC, "what representations he has received
regarding literature from
the headquarters of the British National Party?" Spencer does reply, but AustinWalker hardly listens and
Spencer plainly does not
expect him to.

This type of "question" ("what representations ...?", "When did you last meet ...?", "When will you next visit ...?" etc) is not a request for information at all, but an invitation to the minister to dance a sort of parliamentary foreplay. It means: "Let's talk about the BNP". Spencer's answer means: "Yes, let's."

means: "Yes, let's."

Austin-Walker makes the next move: "Is he aware that there is an air of disbelief in Woolwich [about failure to crack down on the BNP]

..?" This is not a question either. It is an announcement about Woolwich.

Spencer needs make no response, and does not. But the "question" is double-barrelled, the second barrel coming next: "How many black youths have to be slaughtered...?" etc. Spencer ignores the question mark ("quite a few" would not be the way to answer) and takes it for what it is an entreaty. "Get your finger out" is what the MP means.

Have you the gist? Foreplay, announcement, entreaty: lers discuss the BNP; it's a scandal: get your finger out. The question and answer form in which this discussion takes place is a pure fiction.

Equally fictitious is the "enquiry" which then comes from a source friendly to Sir Derek: John Marshall (C. Hendon S): "Will my hon and learned friend confirm," he asks, "that the 1986 public order act makes it easier to deal with these

Interpreting this needs subtlety. The first part (about the '86 act) is not of course, a question; but nor (despite appearances) is it really a statement. It is a suggestion that the minister make a statement of his own, which Sir Derek duly does. He wants to. He has it all ready, written out in his notes. But somebody has to ask. This part of Marshall's question is therefore a "play us a tune", request. Sir Derek brings his notes to the party and somebody asks him to play.

Perhaps the somebody

Perhaps the somebody has been primed? A quiet word by a pps in Mr Marshall's ear over coffee: "Care to help Derek out this afternoon?"

The second part of Marshall's question (about "these offensive nut cases"). is not, you realise, a ques tion. But do you realise that it is not really even addressed to the solicitor general? Nor is it for the benefit of the BNP, who do not hold their breath waiting to hear Mr Marshall's opinion of them. No: this "question" is addressed to Marshall's constituents in Hendon, many of whom are Jewish, don, I don't like the BNP

any more than you do".
You have the gist? These exchanges lasted no more than 30 seconds, but it has taken me 700 words to explain what they mean. A strange tribe. MPs.

# Home Office resists pressure for wider stop-and-search laws

By Christopher Elliott and Frances Gibb

THE Home Office is resisting pressure from the police for an extension of powers to stop and search vehicles in their attempt to prevent IRA bombers getting into city centres on the mainland

the mainland.

As the Greater Manchester police yesterday became the second main metropolitan force to introduce "selective car checks" under existing laws, the debate grew over the circumstances in which police may mount roadblocks.

Privately, senior police officers admitted they were acting at the margins of the law in setting up roadblocks but they felt that the current threat warranted their action. Civil liberties groups, however, have voiced fears that any toughening of the law to allow random checks would lead to har assment of minority groups, including the Irish community.

As the law is currently constructed, police powers to stop and search turn on the need to prove "reasonable suspicion" that an arrestable offence has been committed.

Brian Hilliard, editor of Police Review and a former police inspector, said: "They are obviously doing it to boost police morale and show the public they are not powerless and also as a deterrent to the IRA, who will think twice about bringing a bomb in if they might run into an armed roadblock.

"I think it is a good idea and the public will approve of it, but I don't think it is within the law as it stands at the moment."

moment."
Police are concerned that the random element of the roadblock would enable suspects to mount a successful defence that there were no

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■ The latest police action to counter mainland threats from the IRA has prompted a debate over civil liberties

grounds for reasonable suspicion, however great the weight i of other evidence.

Although similar roadblocks manned by armed police have been used in London since the mortar bombing of Whitehall in February 1991, last weekend's operations in east London and the City of London were the first to have such a high profile, involving overtly armed officers.

The Greater Manchester force announced yesterday that there would be roadblocks throughout its area manned by armed officers.

A spokesman said: "They are there to reassure members of the public that we are taking every possible step to ensure their safety." The move followed two bomb explosions in the city on Thursday in which more than 60 people were injured.

Even within the police service there has been disquiet about the roadblocks. Many officers were concerned that there had been three arrests for possession of cannabis. One said: "That is not what we were there for. Those people should have simply been cau-

tioned there and then."

The police have unlimited powers to stop vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1974.

Under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, road-blocks may be set up if police have reasonable grounds for believing a serious arrestable offence is being or is about to be committed in the area, or if they are looking for someone who intends to commit such an offence and they have

reasonable grounds for believing he is in the area.

In the miners' dispute, the courts held that it was lawful to set up a roadblock at the Darrford tunnel on the Kent/Essex border, even though it was 200 miles away from the main centre of the dispute.

The roadblocks have to be authorised by a superintendent, although an officer of any rank can authorise one if a superintendent is not available.

A record must be made of the time such authority was given and the length of time the roadblock is in force, and higher authority must be obtained as soon as possible.

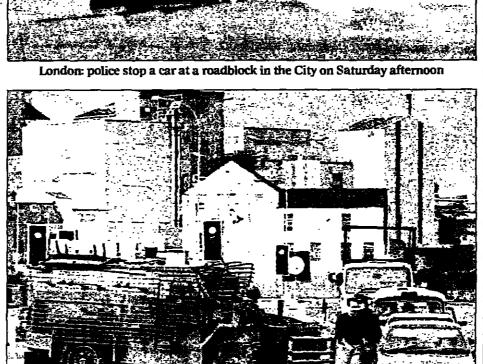
When it comes to searching vehicles, police powers are governed by sections one and 17 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, which requires them to have a reasonable suspicion that a person in that vehicle has committed a serious arrestable offence or that that a vehicle is carrying a stolen or prohibited item.

Police may, however, stop vehicles and seek the consent of the driver to search. Yesterday John Wadham, legal officer of Liberty, the civil liberties pressure group, said that most people would not know the law gave them the opportunity to refuse a police request to search their vehicle at random.

Also, if they did know the law, they "would not know what was in the minds of the police officers so they would be unable to resist", he claimed. "The reality is that this enables the police to set up roadblocks and stop and search vehicles at random. We believe that this is unlawful under domestic law and possibly also a breach of the European Convention on Human Rights as a breach of

privacy."

Scotland Yard said last night: "There have been discussions with the Home Office to determine whether or not there is any need under existing legislation to seek different powers under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act and the Road Traffic Act. These are ongoing discussions and these issues are kept under



Belfast: a permanent checkpoint manned by soldiers on the Falls Road



Manchester: an armed officer on guard at one of the city's first roadblocks

ing long hours. She was

determined to break an "unac-

Mrs Mills also rejected

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ceptable work ethic".

# Queen Mother may miss wedding

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Aberdeen the following morning, and drive to Balmoral for what was intended as a private, indeed secret, wedding, until word leaked out.

Buckingham Palace is still striving to keep the wedding as quiet as possible and has not issued a guest list. Those known to be attending include the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of York, Prince Edward, Princess Margaret and the Princess Royal's two children Peter, 15, and Zara, 11. Among guests on the groom's side are expected to be his widowed mother, Bar-

CORRECTION

Mr David Evans of the National Farmers' Union was shouted down by farmers at a Strasbourg rally for expressing support for Gatt, not Mr Peter Parrish, as incorrectly reported on December 2. Mr Parrish, although an NFU member, opposes the union's non-Gatt stance.

ara, and his elder brother, onathan. After the short service in

Crathic church, the royal family will host a small reception for guests and estate workers. The couple are expected to spend the weekend at a cottage on the Balmoral estate before the princess resumes her public duties.

Although details of the wedding are now well known, it was only yesterday that the Queen issued a formal statement, saving that she and the Duke of Edinburgh were "pleased to announce" that the princess would marry Commander Laurence on Saturday. The palace said that the bride's parents were delighted at the news.

Among the last vestiges of secrecy are the names of the best man and of any bridesmaids, what the couple may expect as a wedding present from the Queen, and what the bride will wear. Fashior experts predict a simply spit, for dress and jacket. He had any 1 will have little choic. Name of the program will be decided.

# DPP to boost role of women at work

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Director of Public Prosecutions yesterday vowed to break the "unacceptable work ethic" that discriminates against women and to promote opportunities for women through targets. better selection and flexi-time working.

Could monitor their progress in promoting women. "We want to be chosen on merit, "But to be chosen on merit we need to have an equal opportunity to compete."

In the CPS, 60 per cent of the CP

Barbarg Mills QC, a mother of four. said that by March 1993. every employee of the Crown Prosecution Service, which she heads, would be entitled to work flexible hours. "We are equal to the task, we just want the opportunity to

prove it." Mrs Mills told an audience of European employers at a conference in Birmingham on equal opportunities, organised by the employment department. Mrs Mills said she opposed the workplace culture that imposed rigid working patterns and pressurised those who wished to progress into work-

On selection and training, Mrs Mills told the conference: "We must stamp out stereotyping to ensure that selection is fair and open, and that as much long-term training is devoted to women as to men."

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# Saudis spare Briton

from public flogging

A British hospital manager in Saudi Arabia yesterday escaped a public flogging when his appeal against the sentence for allegedly swearing at Saudi subordinates was upheld (Christopher Walker writes).

David Brown, 32, was arrested by the Mutawa, the religious police, and sentenced by a religious court to 50 lashes from a bamboo cane after employees at the Britishrun King Khaled National Guard hospital complained that he swore at them following an argument.

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The Foreign Office announced that Mr Brown's appeal against the flogging, which would probably have been administered outside a mosque after Friday prayers, had been successful. Earlier Bob Cryer, the Labour MP, called on the British government to intervene "to halt this barbaric medieval punishment". The Saudi practice of publicly administering punishments was suspended while western troups were based in the country during the Gulf war.

#### BR bribes case collapses

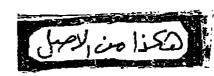
An Old Bailey case alleging corruption and bribery by a former head of British Rail's civil engineering department and one of their main equipment contractors collapsed yesterday after the judge ordered the jury to return not guilty verdicts on all charges. David Currie, 66, from Penn, Buckinghamshire, was cleared of taking bribes from Plasser Railway Machinery (GB) Ltd and two of their former executives, Norbert Jurasek and Michael Brooks. Jurasek, 51, managing director, from Wargrave, Berkshire, and Brooks, 64, company secretary, from Ringwood, Hampshire, together with the company itself, were also cleared of giving bribes. All defendants had denied the charges.

# Crowther improving

Leslie Crowther, the television presenter, has taken his first steps after making a big improvement since a car accident that left him critically ill. Mr Crowther, 59, suffered serious head injuries when his Rolls-Royce crashed on the M5 in Gloucestershire more than nine weeks ago. He is now talking although his voice is weak, and is eating and drinking well, according to consultant Mr David Sandeman in a statement from the Frenchay Hospital. Bristol. "In the last 10 days his improvement has been dramatic," he said.

# Battle to save YMCA

The government was urged to intervene yesterday to save the Central YMCA hotel and leisure club in London. More than 700 people have urged the Charity Commissioners to block the sale of the property in Great Russell Street following the failure to meet interest payments on a £31 million loan. Contracts have been exchanged in a £35.5 million deal. The Labour peer Lord Stoddart of Swindon wants the government to persuade banks to reschedule the debt. Protesters will lobby parliament next week.



# Prisoner told cellmates as he was freed: 'Don't worry, I'll be back. I'm going to kill a copper'

# Judge gives five life sentences to pitiless' killer

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A MAN who stabbed a London police sergeant to death and killed two other people during an eight-day crime spree was sentenced at the Old Bailey to five life terms yesterday, with a recommendation that he should

serve at least 25 years. Nicholas Vernage, 27, of Leytonstone, northeast London, remained impassive after being found guilty of the three murders and the at-tempted murders of two po-licemen who tried to arrest him. During the trial, he told the court that he felt no emotion about the death of Sergeant Alan King last year.

Vernage, described by the prosecution as a man who would let nothing get in his way, stood with his hands in his pockets chewing a matchstick as Judge Lymbery told him he was "evil through and through, without any redeeming features". The judge said that, since his arrest, Vernage had shown himself to be "quite pitiless, without any vestige of remorse for your victims and their families". Vernage, who once told other criminals that he intended to kill a police-man, shouted: "Happy Christmas, by the way," as he

was led out. Peter Grenfell, 29, of Leyton, east London, was found guilty of unlawfully wounding constables Simon Castrey and John Jenkinson. He will be sentenced under the Mental Health Act later this month. He was cleared of the murder of Sgt King on the

orders of the judge. Sgt King's widow Monica, who watched the trial from she could never forgive Vernage. Speaking about the case, she said: "I know that nothing can ever bring Alan back but no sentence that our courts are allowed to impose could ever be enough. He is alive and my husband is

She blamed Vernage not only for the death of her husband but for the deaths of her elderly parents, who were devastated by his death. Mrs King's mother Lilian, 77, died in May from a long-term illness and her father Ron, 75, in September from a heart attack. Mrs King said she was convinced that their deaths were brought about by the trauma of the murder.

Sgt King's first wife, Marian Winters, was also in court with their children Amanda. 17, and Mark, 14. She said that she warned the children to see the trial to help them to understand how they lost their father.

Vernage's crime spree began after he was released from prison after serving five years of a seven-year sentence for burglary. Before he left prison, he told his cellmates: "Don't worry, I'll be back. I'm going to kill a copper." Det Supt Doug Harvey, in charge of the murder enquiry, said that Vernage was the most dangerous man he had met

Vernage committed a series of burglaries that led to the murders. Four days before killing Sgt King, he mur-dered Javaid Iqbal, a cab driver, who disturbed him ransacking his home in Leytonstone. Three days earlier he had killed Lorna Bogle, 30, a former acquaintance, stabbing her in her chest,



Monica King yesterday, above. Sgt Alan King, top right, Nicholas Vernage, centre, and Peter Grenfell

her home in Walthamstow, east London.

Grenfell, who was staying in a house in Walthamstow with Vernage, was later to tell police that Vernage, slightly built but fit and wiry, seemed to get enjoy the challenge if someone got in his way.

back and hand in an attack at from the burglaries in a Cortina parked outside the house. Something about the car caused Sgt King, 41, to stop and investigate it one night last November. Vernage attacked him, plunging a knife repeatedly into his head

Holding the bloodstained

his home and kicked open a the same knife to attack PC bedroom door, shouting at Grenfell to get up and help to push the police car out of the Cortina's way. As Grenfell obeyed, Vernage spotted Sgt King staggering down the road in an attempt to flag down a car. He struck him

Hours later, Vernage used

# Eight days that left three dead

By OUR CRIME CORRESPONDENT

NICHOLAS Vernage's reign of terror lasted just eight days but by the time he was cornered by a trio of police dogs he had killed a London police sergeant, stabbed a former acquaintance and a burglary victim to death in their homes and seriously injured two officers who

tried to arrest him. Even as the police closed in on him last November Vernage, convicted at the Old Bailey yesterday of triple murder, was still ready to do battle with law officers, the focus for his violence. As the dog handlers faced him in the shed of a suburban garden, Vernage brandished his knife and shouted: "Come on then, do you want some of this?"

Vernage kept a drawing of a policeman, a policewoman, and a police dog pinned to a door at his home in Leyton, east London and mutilated the picture with a screw-

After his arrest for killing Sgt Alan King, Vernage scribbled on the wall of his cell: "Sgt King was killed, stabbed to death in red boiling un-bearable blood." He also wrote the words "Red Rum" - murder spelt backwards. A fan of horror films, Vernage said he took the idea from the film The Shining.

He considered escape while awaiting trial. He turned up for a court hearing smeared with baby oil intended to make it hard to hold him. One of two pieces of metal he had acquired, which police believe he planned to have filed into a knife, was hidden in the sole of his shoe.

At the age of 26 Vernage had become what a detective called "one of the most evil and dangerous men in Britain". He was openly prepared to kill a policeman if he got the chance, and once boasted: "All I want is to kill a copper. If one gets in my way

I will put him to sleep." Behind that threat lay a hatred fed by Vernage's criminal career.

He was brought up in a children's home and earned a string of convictions as a teenage criminal for burglary, criminal damage, theft, assault causing grievous

bodily harm and affray. In 1986, Vernage and his brother John, 24, terrorised pubs in a series of rapes and burglaries. John Vernage was jailed for ten years in July 1987 for raping a teenage virgin and a housewife aged 44. Nicholas was jailed for seven years for conspiracy to rob and aggravated burglary. He was released last October and launched himself on an increasingly violent crime

Friends noticed the change in him and were terrified. By the time Vernage stabbed Sgt King he had already killed

two people. Before his release, Vernage told a cellmate he was going to teach Lorna Bogle, 30, a woman he knew, a lesson for ignoring him in prison. On November 21 last year he attacked her in her flat in Walthamstow, east London, and stabbed her repeatedly.

Three days later Vernage struck again. Javaid Iqbal, 37, a part-time minicab driver. of Leytonstone, east London, found Vernage burgling his flat. Mr Iqbal, a black belt judo expert, tried to tackle him and died from a single stab wound to the

With two murders under his belt, Vernage was in no mood to stay his hand when Sgt King confronted him late at night outside the home of Peter Grenfell, his burglary accomplice. As the officer, wounded eight times, tried to crawl away, Vernage shouted "He's still alive, I'm going to finish him off", and stabbed the sergeant again.

# deputy robbed

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

MARGARET Beckett, deputy leader of the Labour party, and her husband were robbed by four youths who burst into their home near Derby, it was

disclosed yesterday.

Leo Beckett answered a knock at the door of the couple's cottage in Normanton on Sunday evening while his wife was talking to a family friend in the living room. The attackers, who wore blue anoraks, bundled him through the house and ordered Mrs Beckett, MP for Derby South, not to raise the alarm while they carried out a search. They left after 20 minutes, taking a small amount of cash, credit cards

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and jewellery.
Mrs Beckett said: "They pushed their way in and threatened us. They just said Where's the money?" and 'Keep your head down'. It was not a pleasant experience. I don't think I was particularly singled out, there have been quite a number of break-ins in the area recently. This is one of those things that happens

today."
Police are looking for two youths described as white, 5ft 6in to 5ft 7in tall, and cleanshaven with short, dark hair. A third was dark-skinned, 5ft 9in to 5ft 10in tall, and cleanshaven with dark hair cut in a modern style. There is no description of the fourth

# Labour's | Crown fire record appals watchdog

By Sheila Gunn and Robert Morgan

A DAMNING indictment of fire safety standards in the 8,000 crown premises, includ-ing the Palace of Westminster, the royal palaces and govern-ment offices, is to be handed to MPs by parliament's publicspending watchdog.

Sir John Bourn, the comptroller and auditor-general, will report later this week on the high risks and lack of fire precautions in premises covered by crown immunity. In spite of repeated warnings. many still do not come up to the standards required by fire authorities in other buildings. His independent assess-

ment coincides with the gov-ernment's decision to set up an enquiry into the adequacy of fire precautions at five royal palaces. Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, announced at question time in the Commons yesterday that the enqui-



Brooke: enquiry into

ry would include Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Clarence House, Kensington Palace and St James's Palace. It will also examine Hampton Court, Kew Palace, the Tower

of London, the Banqueting House and Whitehall. Sir John Bourn is also starting an investigation, at the behest of the Commons public accounts committee, into the "value for money" aspects of fire precautions at

the five royal palaces.

His wider report on fire precautions in England and Wales, which was completed before the Windsor fire, will warn the committee that at Westminster, in their own offices, faults identified in 1979 had still not been rectified by 1988. The palace is not expected to come up to normal fire standards for a further two

or three years. In the worst year, 1986, the financial loss through fires in crown premises totalled at least £7.5 million, due partly to the Hampton Court fire. Under crown immunity, the 8,000 premises do not require fire certificates. During a wide-ranging investigation, Sir John's officials from the National Audit Office found no complete record of fire incidents and casualties in crown premises. Sir John complains - that the Crown Premises Inspection Group, which checks fire precentions which checks fire precautions in the properties, has been plagued by staff shortages.

# Riot trial pair escape from bus

By LIN JENKINS

TWO prisoners on trial for their alleged role in the Strangeways jail riot escaped from a prison minibus yesterday after holding a dart to the driver's throat.

Mark Azzopardi, 23, and David Bowen, 29, were being taken from Hull prison to Manchester Crown Court. They made off in a car with accomplices who had staged a fake road accident that allowed them to overcome three guards and the driver.

One of the prisoners stabbed a prison officer in the hand with the dart before holding it to the driver's throat. The prisoners forced the minibus to drive into a side street in Salford, Greater Manchester.

A police spokesman said the men told the officers to drive straight to the court and nowhere else, which they did and reported the incident. Police have warned people not to approach the two men.

Bowen and Azzopardi are

among ten prisoners being tried on charges of riot during Britain's longest prison siege in April 1990. The trial began

on October 9.

During the week the accused are held in the detention centre within the crown court building, but at weekends they are taken to the prisons to which they were transferred when Strangeways inmates were rehoused.

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES SEND THEIR MESSAGE OF GREEK MACEDONIA

Jenkinson and PC Castrey

when they tried to question

him and Grenfell in Thornton Heath, south London.

The constables, who were in

court with friends and col-

leagues of the murdered of-

ficer, remain deeply traumat-

ised and unable to return to

It is true that when ordinary people refer to Greek antiquity, they usually have in mind ancient cities that had played an important role in the growth of civilization from prehistorical up to the classical period. Among them, Athens, Thebes, Corinth, Sparta, Olympia and other citystates of the southern part of Greece, the Aegean islands, Crete, Cyprus, west Asia Minor and even south of Italy, the very well known "Magna Grecia" are among the prevailing ones. On the contrary Macedonia's history comes into existence since the glorious reign of King Philip, his son Alexander the Great, and his generals who ruled over the remains of the late Persian empire, creating the very well known and so important Greek centers of civilization of Alexandria, Pergamos, Antioch of Messopotamia. Nevertheless, Macedonia's previous history remains quite obscure to common people.

However, archaeological excavations during the last twenty years brought to light hundreds of ancient Greek cities, temples, palaces, theaters and tombs, one of which is the famous tomb of King Philip, and treasures of an exquisite workmanship and design. Chronologically, they cover the most important periods of the Greek history from the Mycenaean up to the classical times. Their number increases in such a manner, that in the years to come, they will very probably exceed those of the southern part of the country, which was wrongly considered to constitute the main body of Greek antiquity. Therefore, when talking of ancient Greece, one must have in mind its northern part as well, i.e. Macedonia.

#### The bronze crater of Derveni

Amongst the most important finds are relief decorations. the bronze crater and several other bronze vases with an attractive golden appearance. They were discovered near Thessaloniki, capital of Macedonia in 1969. They are ascribed to the 4th century B.C., a period during which metal working technique in Greece had reached an amazingly high standard of perfection.

The large crater, a unique masterpiece 90 cm height, and an approximate mass of 40 kg. The base, the four statuettes, which he on the crater's shoulder, and the two heavy handles are cast, while the whole main body with the fine relief decorations is forged.



Its golden colour, which led archaeologists to believe that it was gold plated, is due to an unusual high tin content (15%). It is surprising how ancient Greeks had shaped the hard copper - tin alloy into such a large vase and, what is more, they had decorated its main body with high

On the other hand, X-ray investigation led to the unexpected conclusion that this huge crater was from bottom to the middle of its neck a one piece vase. At this point exists the sole welding zone between the main body and the upper part of the crater. Just above the welding point some small size wild animals seem to walk on an irregular ground. In this way, the artist of ancient Greek art and technology, has a has actually succeeded in hiding the rather

rough welding.
Macro and micro examination and experimental work showed that the crater would have been produced by forging, while the smaller bronze vases either by HALYVOURGIKI INC.

combination of both. In fact, some of the small vases show signs of spinning on the

The above study has largely contributed in assessing the achievements realized by ancient Greeks in Macedonia during the 4th century B.C., and has led to the conclusion that throughout this period Greek art and technology had actually reached a climax of perfection and, what is more, Macedonia the new Greek super power that had succeeded Athens after its decline constituted part of the ancient Greek world and a continuation of its civilization.

Prof. Dr. George J. Varoufakis Head of the Research and Quality Control Department of HALYVOURGIKI INC.

# Checkland defends BBC's finances

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SIR Michael Checkland, who steps down as director-general of the BBC at Christmas, denied yesterday that the corporation was "out of financial control" as the row over a £58 million overspend was raised in the Commons.

In a letter replying to criticism, Sir Michael said he hoped licence payers would be reassured by the BBC's overall record and "continuing commitment to provide a full range of radio and television programme services" within its income.

In the Commons, Ann Clwyd, shadow heritage secretary, demanded to know how the BBC could be "riddled with accountants and yet allow an over-

spend of £58 million". Last week, the corporation admitted that because of a series of accounting errors it had overspent by £38 million point out the profits made by the

in the 1991-2 financial year and was destined to overspend by more than £20 million this year. Will Wyatt, managing director of network television, said that production of three drama series had been cancelled because of the overspend, which would

also lead to more repeats.

Why was this huge overspend, involving milions of taxpayers' money, not made clear in the BBC's report presented to Parliament?" Mrs Clwyd asked Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary. "Why is it that the BBC board of governors and board of management have failed to ensure that financial management systems were in place?"

Mr Brooke said the BBC, which balanced its books last year in spite of the overspend, had acted to correct "faults" in its accounting systems. In his letter to national newspapers,

have made public as part of our determination to the public, were more than absorbed by underspendings elsewhere. No programmes had to be cancelled or productions stopped. In 1992-3, our anticipated income from licence fees and profits from BBC Enterprises will be £1,478 million.

corporation. He said: "In 1991-2, the income of the BBC from licence fees

and profits from BBC Enterprises was

£1,399 million. We spent £1,390 mil-

lion - £9 million less than the income

and £39 million less than we had

"The television problems, which we

planned to spend in the year.

"Our expenditure is forecast to be £1.475 million - £3 million less than our income but £13 million (0.9 per cent) more than we have so far budgeted to spend. We have made a small number of adjustments to our television transmissions and productions including moving some into next year."

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# Christmas break stretches to two weeks for idle hands

MORE people will extend the four-day Christmas break to a full two-weck holiday this year because of the recession. Thin order books mean that many companies have decided it is cheaper to extend the holiday period for up to two weeks rather than call in workers to

operate idle machines. 'A lot of firms have decided they can close that long because of the poor economic situation," the Confederation of British Industry said. "There is no point in running factories flat out if there is no sale

for the goods."

The Transport and General Workers' Union said that although it had noticed no high profile cases of firms giving workers longer lay offs than usual "it is quite possible

that people in smaller workshops are shutting down for an extra week

because of the economy".

For more than a decade, most industrial employers have accepted there is no point asking people to work in the week between Christ-mas and new year. With Christmas falling on a Friday this year, the normal break takes in two weekends and lasts ten days. This year, however, more companies than ever have decided to copy the construction industry and Ford, two of the trendsetters for the two-week Christmas break.

The construction industry has a negotiated shutdown from December 18 to January 4. Employers accept that in any event bad weather and the small number of daylight hours available at this time of year mean that it is often more

efficient not to work at all. The longer closure will scarcely matter to Ford this year, since the company suffered a near 20 per cent drop in sales volume last month. In contrast at Jaguar, plans for a long Christmas holiday have been can-celled thanks to an unexpected upturn in sales. Nissan, too, after doubling its UK sales in a year, has no need for a long holiday.

The motor industry is happier

overall than it has been for some time, with sales last month up 6.3 per cent on the year. "There are a lot of signs of recovery of confidence," the Society of Motor Manufactur-ers and Traders said. "People are not short of money but of the confidence to spend it."

If the recession is closing parts of industry down for longer periods, it is encouraging shops to open more often. Of the big chains only C&A. John Lewis and Marks & Spencer have decided to abide by Sunday trading laws in the weeks before Christmas. Those that are opening all weekend say that the move is paying handsome dividends. D. H. Evans sold more in six hours last Sunday than in eight hours on

Saturday. The Oxford Street Traders Association said: "There is no indication people are emptying their pockets here. We see no sign of an end to the recession. People keep saying things are getting better but we

things are getting better out we don't see it yet."

At the top end of the market, Harrods says that it is doing particularly well, although its figures are helped by the large number of overseas customers taking advantage of the low value pound.

Sales in the store's "hunny room" are up 24 per cent on last year and more than 30,000 of Harrods' 1992 collector's teddy bears have been

sold at £21.95 each.

The Royal Mail, too, is happy with the increased volume of cards being sent. It estimates a record 1.6 billion deliveries this year, up from 1.5 billion a year ago. Last deliver-ies and collections before the hou-day will be on Christmas Eve. with both being resumed on Tuesday.

December 29.

The only rail services running on Christmas Day are to Gatwick with only skeleton services on the bank holidays. Only London buses on the Victoria to Heathrow service will operate on Christmas Day. On New Year's eve. London Transport plans to operate a free late night service to take revellers home.

# **Drink-drive** campaign too realistic for family viewing

By Michael Horsnell

THE government's Christmas campaign against drinkdriving was launched last night with a television commercial so vivid it will not be screened until after the 9pm watershed. The £1.3 million campaign

is built around the commercial showing a road crash with paramedics trying in vain to revive a young woman who has terrible head injuries.

Kenneth Carlisle, minister for roads and traffic, said: "I make no excuses for the starkness of this commercial. I know that it may disturb many people sitting comfortably at home. But the reality is

The 40-second advert carries the message: "Look her in the eye. Then say a quick drink never hurt anybody." It will run until Christmas and then occasionally until the new

The horrific scene has been designed to shock all people who drink and drive, but particularly men in the 18 to 35 age group. Deaths caused by drink-

driving have fallen from about 1.500 a year in the early 1980s to 700 in 1991 and the government is claiming sucs with its repeated campaigns against over-the-limit drivers. But the transport department decided to take advantage of a hardening in attitudes against drink-driving by pressing home the message again with a particularly brutal commercial.

Mr Carlisle, who was launching the campaign at the headquarters of London Ambulance Service, said: "Most people now understand the

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The World in a Shopping

Basket survey shows that 22

items cost £42 here, com-

pared with an international

Costs in Britain were

pushed up by the prices of cigarettes and alcohol, which

are cheaper in every other

country in the survey apart

from Iceland. The cheapest

place overall in the survey is

Mexico, where the basket would cost £20.40, followed

by India. Czechoslovakia. Australia and the United

Prices were more or less

uniform throughout the Euro-

pean Community, apart from

in Belgium where they are

much higher, with the Span-

ish. German and Dutch bas-

kets costing less than in the

UK. and Belgian. French and

leeland tops the list by a

huge margin with the basket

costing £76.81. almost double

of the items have to be

imported.

the UK amount, because most

As well as having the cheap-

est Mars bar and tin of Heinz baked beans, Britain also has

cheap detergent, sugar and petrol.

UK than in the rest of the EC

nations surveyed, at 47p for a litre of leaded, but much more expensive than the 17p paid by Americans or the 21p paid

by Mexicans. But the British have some

of the most expensive vices.

with a bottle of rum, a packet

of Marlboro cigarettes and a

can of lager all priced above

the average, mainly because

Bananas and soap in the

UK are also among the most

of high taxation.

Petrol was cheaper in the

Italian ones costing more.

in 13 countries.

average of £37.63.

terrible results of drinking and driving but sometimes, tragically, people take the risk. Most drivers believe they will never cause a serious accident. But nine out of ten accidents involve human error and error is more likely to occur after drinking."

The commercial features paramedics of London Ambulance Service desperately try-ing to restart the heart of the young woman at the scene of a car crash, as she lies with her head resting on a blood-soaked bandage.

As it becomes clear that their efforts are failing, a distraught motorist is heard saying: only had a quick one. thought it would be all right." He cries out: "Make her be all right." The driver is then asked: "Have you been drinking?"

The part of the dead girl in the government's drink-drive commercial is played by Denise Douglas, 18, who passed her driving test only last week. She said last night: "While I was lying there with tubes down my throat, blood pouring out of my nose and hair, I caught a reflection of myself and was rather frightened. It was very difficult."

emergency consultant at Ipswich hospital in Suffolk, who often attends road accidents. said: "The commercial is absolutely marvellous and very

Mr Jones described one

Cost of alcohol and tobacco

pushes UK up prices league

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

expensive in the survey, con-

ducted by International Infor-

mation Services, the product

information arm of the mar-

Although the baskets tend

to be cheaper in the poorer

countries, this trend did not

apply to all products. India

comes near the bottom of the

league for nearly everything,

but luxury items such as

disposable nappies and a

Mars bar cost nearly twice as

much as they would in the

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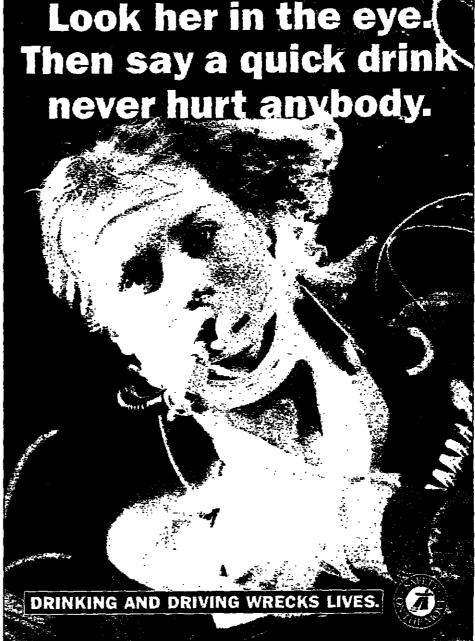
are cheaper than average in

Czechoslovakia, but imports

such as Coca-Cola and body

ket analysts Mintel.

drink-related car crash he attended in which two people died and two were badly injured. He spoke of the "terrified screams" and dreadful injuries, and of how one



Shock tactics: an image from this year's campaign, which is costing £1.3m

injured person had to be freed from beneath the "warm and newly dead body" of another car occupant

There are about 95,000 drink-driving convictions each year in England and Wales and one road death in six is drink-related. Deaths caused by drink-driving cost society about £500 million a year.

Terry Siggs, deputy assistant commissioner of the Met-

sprays are more expensive

John Cunningham, Mintel's

chief executive, said that

some price differences were

caused by multinational com-

panies charging what they

thought the market would

price will be due to differ-

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in local raw materials and

production or shipping costs

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"Some of the variations in

ropolitan police, said attitudes to drinking and driving were changing slowly but surely. He said that throughout the country, extra police would be on patrol to combat drinkdriving over Christmas and

"We don't set out to spoil people's fun but we try to ensure that no one's fun is stopped forever by the actions of a criminal driver," he said.

Police in England and Wales increase the number of breath tests they give each year, but the proportion of positive re-

sults has fallen considerably. Police carried out 400,000 tests in 1987, of which 25 per cent proved positive. Last year. 562,000 tests were administered, of which only 15 per cent were positive.

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# **Paralysed** boy to sue Ford for £1 m

By PETER VICTOR MOTOR manufacturers could face huge costs if a 15year-old boy succeeds in a compensation claim for more

than £1 million against Ford.
Peter Eilliston has been
granted legal aid to sue the
company for failing to provide adequate safety measures after his spinal cord was severed by a safety belt in the back of his father's car.

If successful, his case could lead to a series of compensation claims from victims of accidents who were wearing two-point safety belts in mid dle rear seats.

Peter, from Oxfordshire. was in his father's Ford Sierra on a trip to Alton Towers when they crashed. He was thrown forward while restrained by the safety belt across his lap. His spine was severed and he has been paralysed.

Volvo is the only motor manufacturer which fits three-point belts for centre rear seat passengers, although other makers have

plans to introduce them. Douglas Stewart, the boy's solicitor, says the case will be brought under the consumer protection and sale of goods acts. The latter says that goods must be sold free of

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said: "If such a ruling were applied to every vehicle in which a two-point belt was worn by a person injured in an accident the costs could be astro

Ken Barnes, the society's head of engineering, said at present there was no legisla tion to cover the fitting of three-point belts in central back seats. Three-point seat belts have to be anchored at points of adequate strength in the body. In hatchbacks and estate cars this presents horrendous difficulties."

#### Council seeks chance **Gypsies** face loss to sue for libel of rights

By Frances Gibb LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS to abolish councils' duty to provide adequate camp sites for gypsies have been attacked by the law reform group Justice as a potential breach of human rights conventions. The environment department is proposing a reform

of the Caravan Sites Act 1968, making it discretionary for councils to provide adequate camp sites, and creating an offence of unlawful camping. A final sanction would be the confiscation of a caravan.

The number of gypsy caravans has risen since the 1968 act was introduced. The present estimate is about 13,500. There are legal sites for only about 60 per cent of the caravans. There has also been an increase in "new age" travellers, who do not wish to use sites. Separate measures are being considered to deal with these.

Justice says that the proposals represent a signifi-cant shift of policy that could well operate unjustly to deny these people a lifestyle which is well within the law". It says that gypsies are unpopular and that unlawful camping causes distress and damage to landowners and communities, but it argues that a minority group is entitled to a particular lifestyle if it

does not impinge on others. The group is also con-cerned about what it calls the unacceptable proposal of criminal offences to deal with what is "essentially a social problem" that should be the province of the civil, not the criminal, law.

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT LOCAL authorities must be a substantial restriction on able to defend their reputations against dishonest attacks in the media by bringing civil

libel actions, the law lords were told yesterday. Without the ability to start civil proceedings to protect themselves from unjustified criticism, local councils could find themselves in an unfair position when tendering with private contractors to supply

services to the public. Charles Gray QC, for Der-byshire County Council, said that one consequence of de-priving authorities of the right to sue for libel was that they would be vulnerable to damiging allegations. This would not apply to private tenderers as they have a right to take action for delamation.

In a case with important constitutional and legal implications. Times Newspapers Ltd is arguing that a govern-ment body is not entitled to sue for libel to protect its reputation in relation to the performance of its duties. Derbyshire County Council

is appealing to an appellate committee of the House of Lords against a ruling that local authorities and govern-ment departments do not have the right to protect their repu-

tations by suing for libel.
The Court of Appeal ruling last February said that such a right would interfere with the right to freedom of expression by stifling legitimate public criticism of an authority. The hearing before five lords of appeal presided over by Lord Keith of Kinkel arises

out of two reports in The Sunday Times in 1981 that criticised share dealings by the county council's pension fund. The council sued but in the appeal court Lord Ralph Gibson said that to allow a council to sue for libel would "impose

freedom of expression". Mr Gray told the law lords that the articles contained serious libels and defamation. In carrying out its duties a local council acquired a reputation, whether good or bad, individual officers, elected rep-

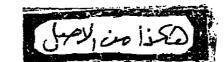
resentatives or employees. He said it was a principle of common law that any local authority had a right to protect its reputation against unjustified or dishonest attack It was established that trading corporations, trade unions and religious bodies could sue for libel and there was nothing to distinguish Derby County Council from these organisations.

Despite the Court of Appeal ruling, councils have other remedies. They can sue for malicious falsehood but that requires proof that what is said is false, instead of the media having to prove it to be true; and they must also show that publication was made maliciously, and that it was likely

to cause damage.
The law lords hearing continues today.

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Recruitment policies tightened

# Children's homes to weed out paedophiles

By Jeremy Laurance SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SWEEPING changes in the way staff are selected for children's homes were announced by the government yesterday, to prevent paedophiles from gaining access to vulnerable youngsters.

A letter will be sent to local authorities this week demanding an end to sloppy recruit-ment policies after a report condemned politicians, social workers and the public for showing indifference to the lives of children in care. Guidelines governing staff se-lection procedures for the 1.300 homes containing 11.000 children will be issued shortly and childcare workers may, in future, need a licence

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The report says that paedophiles are likely to turn their attention to other areas. such as education and youth work, as the rules on children's homes are tightened. "Society will need to be alert to the danger," it says.

Ministers are known to be extremely disturbed by the findings of the Warner enquiry, set up after the Frank Beck scandal in Leicestershire. Children's homes have been a neglected backwater, the report says, where "unscrupu-lous individuals" have been allowed to abuse the positions of power they have acquired over vulnerable children.

Beck received five life sentences for sexually abusing scores of youngsters while in charge of four children's homes. He was allowed to

■ Sexual perverts could switch their attention to education and youth work, says an enquiry into abuse in children's homes

continue working with child- ed before references were reren despite four separate police investigations into alleged abuse.

The Warner report is the eighth enquiry into children's homes in the past few years to highlight disquiet with their management All have drawn attention to the same shortcomings, but their findings have been unheeded. Public attitudes have been marked by a disbelief that abuse can occur in the homes, and a lack of interest in their purpose.

There is a misconception that children's homes contain orphans and truants whose lives can be transformed by human kindness. Many of the children are violent. abusive and self-mutilating, and a third have been victims of sex abuse. All make huge demands on staff. Some social work managers dismiss the homes as "a necessary evil".

The report says that the homes "need their place in the managerial sun". Resources should be switched from other parts of the social services budget to raise the status of homes and their staff.

Many employers make no systematic attempt to find out how job applicants relate to children, or to uncover incidents in their past, the report says. They place a "touching faith" in interviews. One in ten heads of homes and one in three other staff were appointceived and there were delays of up to three months in checking criminal records

The report says that staff, 80 per cent of whom are unquali-fied, must be more closely supervised and given better training. The government should recognise that some "engine for change" is required: it suggests a Development Action Group, appointed for three years, directly responsible to the secretary of state. It says that more money is not necessary but that local authorities should "reorder priorities".

The Association of Directors of Social Services welcomed the report but said that the 1.5 per cent public sector pay ceiling could deter recruits of the highest calibre.

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Gold rush: auction bids of up to £100,000 are expected tomorrow at the Royal Agricultural Halls in London for a 1931 Rolls-Royce first owned by Charlie Chaplin, which featured in *The Great Dictator* 

# **Delors** told treaty is pure bull

By KATE ALDERSON

JACQUES Delors was given some plain English speaking yesterday when he was told the Maastricht treaty was

The EC president was one of seven recipients of a Golden Bull Award for incomprebensible English from the Plain English Campaign at its award ceremony in London.

Mr Delors was not present to receive the award, which also went to Sky Sports, the magazine Personnel Management, the National & Provincial Building Society, the Benefits Agency, the solicitors Bowcock & Pursaill and

Jewson. Plain English Awards were given to Companies House. the Lords Chancellor's department, Ciba-Geigy Pharma-ceuticals. Northumbria Motor Services Ltd, the Employment Service and the inland Revenue, for the seventh time in ten years.

Crystal Clear News Shields were presented to Channel 4 News. The Independent. Newsroom South East. BBC Radio Northampton and The Yorkshire Post for the presentation of clear information.

# Ex-marine who ran regime of terror

By LIN JENKINS

FRANK Beck is serving five life sentences for the evil he perpetrated on those in his care. Over 13 years he sexually and psychologically abused children as young as eight, stealing their childhood and

leaving their lives distorted. His job as the man running three council children's homes in Leicester and Market Harborough made committing the crimes easy. Four police investigations failed to

Peter Joyce QC, for the prosecution at the trial at Leicester Crown Court in September 1991, said: "It was a tunnel of darkness in which they found themselves. There was no escape. If they ran away or did something wrong they were sent straight back into the darkness."

Children came under "his sheer power, his sheer personality, his sheer ego". The homes were supposed to offer a safe environment but some of the weakest and most troubled in society "had their lives totally distorted and twisted by those whose responsibility it was to help them".

One woman, aged 31 at the trial, described being repeatedly raped under threat of being submitted to a pyschiatric unit. She had faked abdominal pains and allowed her appendix to be removed in order to escape sexual abuse. Males described being sexually assaulted in their pyjamas and given a lolly pop as a reward. Nobody listened to their complaints, they said. One man who repeatedly absconded was moved finally when he told

juvenile magistrates that he would kill himself if sent back. Beck resigned in 1986 after complaints of sexual harassment by two male care workers. Despite recommendations by the county's legal depart-ment that he should not be employed as a social worker again, Brian Rice, a former director of Leicestershire social services, gave two references. Only by chance was Beck investigated more than three years after he resigned when a women accused of ill-treating her son told a children's rights officer that the blame lay in the

Beck's charisma, his ten years in the Royal Marines and his work as a Liberal councillor on Blaby district council from 1983 helped to form his reputation as the best man to cope with difficult children. Mr Justice Jowitt drew a different conclusion. "You are a man whose character combines considerable talent and very great evil."

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Beck: "Distorted and twisted children's lives"

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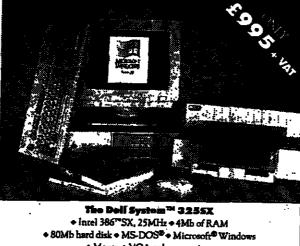


A Sunday newspaper suggested that the Prince of Wales recently employed the pseudonym Mr Parket when travelling abroad. His choice of name may have fewer gossipy reverberations than the newspaper suggested: the royal family has long been entranced by the everyday surname, and Parker may just be the next on the list.

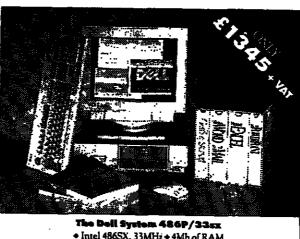
When Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon were courting they booked the atre tickets under the name Norman and Ruby Gordon. Years later, Princess Margaret and her friend Roddy Liewellyn called themselves Mr and Mrs Brown when travelling to Mustique. Princess Alexandra and Angus Ogilvy have called themselves both Mr and

Mrs Butler and Mr and Mrs Kent on trips abroad, and in 1981 the Prince and Princess of Wales flew to the Bahamas as Mr and Mrs Hardy. The Prince of Wales once signed himself as Charlie Chester when entering a club, a name with some validity, as he numbers among his titles the Earl of Chester.

The tradition goes back a long way. When Lord Brownlow escorted Mrs Simpson from Newhaven to Dieppe after the abdication, he booked their passage under the names Mr and Mrs Harris. To avoid unwanted publicity during a holiday in France. Queen Victoria called herself the Countess of Balmoral, When King George III contributed an article to Annals of Agriculture in 1787, he used the nom de plume Ralph Robinson. But others have been less tactful: when Queen Victoria's grandson, the Duke of Clarence, used to sign his name upon entering the notoriously homosexual Hundred Guineas Club, he would write simply "Victoria".



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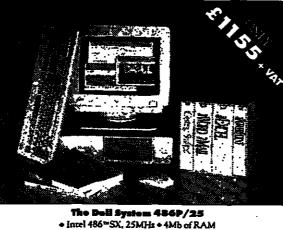


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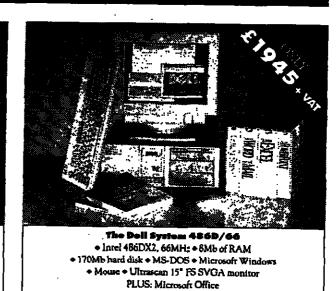
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# Bad backs more likely than flat stomachs, experts warn users

# Fitness videos can damage your health

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

VIDEOS that promise bulging biceps, thin thighs and a flat stomach are more likely to give users an aching back, strained muscles and a pot belly, according to a Consum-ers' Association report pub-

lished today.

A panel of fitness experts found that nearly half the workout videos reviewed in the report put users at risk from dangerous and outdated exercises. The report accuses many of the videos of making dramatic and unrealisable claims, such as: "The body you've always dreamt of could be yours" and "Lose cellulite for ever."

The panel's main complaint of the panel was that too many "ill-advised celebrities" were endorsing videos. despite having no profession-al qualifications. "Unless pre-senters are doing the exercises correctly themsleves, you're going to follow their mistakes. risking injury," the report

says.
The actress Jane Fonda, who introduced aerobics tapes to Britain in the early 1980s, was criticised for her out-of-date and potentially dangerous exercises in her New Workout. "Burn all copies," one member of the panel said. Lizzie Webb, the breakfast television fitness presenter, was berated for a video that includes "dangerous side lean bounces" and a generally risky routine.

The model Cindy Crawford's fitness video was described as atrocious by Health and Fitness magazine recently. It said that Miss Crawford over-extended her back in the exercises - risking serious back strain - to make her chest stick out.

Also criticised is the Muscle Also crincised is the Muscie in Motion video, by the Chippendales male strippers, described as "totally and completely unsafe". "The person who put this together must have been living in a box for the past ten years." was one the past ten years," was one comment on the video, which daims: "Muscle in Motion is bound to get your heart

beating faster, even if all you

Among the videos to be praised was that of the singer and acress Cher, who is commended for being shown following the routine of her personal instructor and not

pretending to be an expert.

The panel, which included a sports medicine expert, a physiotherapist and a representative from the Association for Health and Exercise Teachers, condemned the Callanetics programme as generally unsafe. The Quick Callanetics video, which promises "a perfect flat stomich", will deliver an aching back, rounded shoulders and

a pot belly, the report says.

Risky exercises will not necessarily cause harm, especially if the person doing them is already fit, the panel says. but it emphasises that there are safer ways of achieving the same effect. People buying fitness videos are advised to check the instructor's qualifications before buying, and to stop exercising immediately if

they feel pain.

Even the more worthwhile videos seem unlikely to have much impact on the health of the nation. Although two that two thirds of buyers never use them, or use them less than once a month.

☐ Many frozen fruits and egetables are more nutritious than fresh ones, another Consumers' Association survey says. It found that frozen spinach had twice as much vitamin C as the fresh or tinned varieties and that frozen raspberries, broccoli and peas were at least as good as fresh ones.

Fresh produce loses vitamins as it decays, and canning destroys nutrients. The association says that home freezing is unlikely to retain nutrients, as it is impossible to replicate the extremely low temperatures used by frozen food industry.

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"Ill-advised celebrities": routines by Jane Fonda, top, Lizzie Webb, left, and Cindy Crawford are criticised

# **Directors** peg rises at 5% on average

By DEREK HARRIS

PAY restraint has reached the boardroom, with directors' rises in the past 12 months averaging 5 per cent, little more than those of their

employees.

There were big variations, with a third of the 6,000 directors in the survey receiving rises of 4 per cent or less. 14 per cent taking no rise, and l per cent having pay cuts. Lower rises are being forecast for directors next year, according to a survey by Reward, the pay and performance researchers.

The average salary for managing directors of companies with a turnover of up to £25 million is now £46,000. Companies with sales between £20 million and £250 million pay an average £78,045. Managing directors in the leading companies receive an average £107,500. Fewer directors have a com-pany car and many have lost performance-related bonuses or seen them fall. Jaguars remain the favourite car.

Average pay settlements in industry and commerce, reported by the Confederation of British Industry, stood at 4.2 per cent in the third quarter of this year, as in the second quarter. Manufacturing pay settlements have been hovering at just over 4 per cent for 12 months. Service sector pay deals have been running at 4.4 per cent in the first half of this year. Blenyth Jenkins, of the In-

stitute of directors, said: "Here is concrete evidence that the majority of directors have not lined their own pockets while holding down the pay of others. Contrary to the image created by the publicity given to salaries of a handful of high-profile top earners, directors in general are giving a lead in pay restraint."

Like the CBL, the institute is looking for a decline in pay settlement levels. Mr Jenkins said that pay rises of 4 per cent in the coming year could not be justified except on the basis of performance, productivity or promotion.

Directors' Rewards. Reward Group (Reward House, Diamond Way, Stone Business Park, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 OSD; £350)

# NEWS IN BRIEF Bank raider wanted to save world

An ecology-conscious robber who held up banks to help to save the rainforests was jailed for five years yesterday. Steven White, 21. forced staff at five banks in the Oxford area to hand over cash and then gave it all to strangers. Southwark

Crown Court was told. But his crime spree ended when he handed a note to a woman cashier at a bank in woman castier at a bank me Piccadilly. London, saying he would detonate a bomb if size did not hand over £6,000. She set off an alarm and White, who is jobels and of no fixed address, was arrested outside.

Alison Brooks, for the defence, said White had given away all the money from the successful raids. "He gave it to complete strangers in demon-stration against the use of rainforest trees. He also gave it to people to buy drugs that would make them feel good. and scattered money on pub floors for people to take. He's not a dangerous or violent man," she said.

#### Crash pilot was top executive

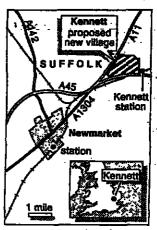
David Kay, a company chair-man, and his wife Margaret were named yesterday as the couple killed in an aircrest crash on Sunday, the day that his firm's success was featured in a national newspaper. Mr Kay, who founded the recruitment company GKR, had hired the Cessna 128 that crashed near Booker sirfield. in Buckinghamshire.

The couple, both in their fitties, lived at Cookham Dean, Berkshire, and had been visiting Tyneside.

#### Britons die

A British woman and her sixyear-old daughter died of asphyxiation on Sunday because of a gas leak in their apartment in Rio de Janeiro. The bodies of Juliana Bonsu. 22, and her daughter Natalie

#### Village enquiry



A public enquiry begins in Ely, Cambridgeshire, today into an application to build a an application to build a village with 1,650 houses and flats at Kennett, four miles northeast of Newmarket. The proposals by Landmatch include shops, a school and construction of a link road between the All and A45.
There will be 300 low-cost homes to meet local needs. The enquiry is expected to last about 16 days.

Rare TV stolen One of the rarest televisions in the world, a 1929 John Logie Baird Televisor, has been stolen from Darlington Museum, co Durham. The fourlegged television is worth

low the 6in by 5in screen is a metal place bearing Baird's signature.

£3,000 and is one of only six such sets left in existence. Be-

Army job club Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, opened the army's first jobs club for soldiers being made redundant or leaving the military.

# Giant wave forces emergency repairs as albatrosses wheel overhead

A t 6.30am on Sunday we were breakfasting on cornflakes and tramping along at nine knots, believing we were having a good run and had made the right tactical decision by choosing a more southerly course than

Robert, at the helm, was caught by a big wave. After a surge landing, but no crash, speed began to pick up again when there was a bang fol-lowed by a yell: "The forestay [mast support cable] has broken, the forestay has gone," epeated three times.

Breakfast was abandoned and everyone rushed on deck, some struggling into foul weather gear, others wearing only thermal underwear. Robert was already bearing away to ease the load from the forward rigging and the foredeck crew sprang into action, grabbing the wet, flogging sail to pre-vent any further damage. Working with bare hands on cold, wet steel they had to take turns to rush below to warm

With the sail off and stowed away and the loose forestay tied off, all foresail halyards [ropes which pull up the sails]

Five days after rounding Cape Horn, Coopers & Lybrand suffered near-disaster

chasing the leaders in the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race,

reports her skipper, Vivien Cherry

were attached to the deck to support the mast. As a further precaution, a third reef was made in the mainsail to reduce its area and cut the load. We surveyed the damage.

The bottom rigging screw, a metal bar less than an inch in diameter, had sheared. The sail, our number two yankee, appeared to be intact, al-though Neil found later that two hanks had broken off.

A subdued atmosphere enveloped the yacht. Thoughts of returning to land for repairs, as other yachts had done, or limping towards Hobart with no more than a staysail, filled



not carry any spares and were 1,000 miles from land, a brainstorming session was needed. This was the same failure that happened on Group 4 at the beginning of

O ptions for a temporary repair were considered and all suitable spares, shack-les, lines and anchor chain were assembled.

The option of returning to land was never a real possibility. Matt inspected the baby stay and shrouds and said the aft lower fitting was suitable.

in turns to dismantle the port leeward lower as it was not loaded, and to rebuild the forestay. When it was back in one piece, Matt and Arnie put the tension back on. It was an extremely wet and cold job, on the bow of the yacht while we were sailing along and dig-ging into the Southern Ocean

Arnie, Bertie and Titch took it

waves.

All the time we were escorted by albatrosses. These great ocean birds came down to take a look before soaring away, never appearing to move their wings and totally unconcerned by the yellow humans rushing

about the vessel. With the foredeck cleared, we set the yacht back on course. A break of two and a half hours while we made little way had been the cost. We surprised the fleet at the speed of our repair, as similar damage cost Group 4 two days. It called for a celebration - a beer, chilled of course.

Although we lost about 20 miles to our nearest competi-tors, we managed to stay in third place. But the race is becoming ever closer and there are still 4,400 miles to

# crescent set record

By MARCUS BINNEY ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE owners of The Crescent in Buxton, Derbyshire, are about to receive the largest repair order served on a listed

The national heritage department will require a property company to do work worth £900.000, including elimination of wet and dry rot and extensive roof and ma-

sonry repairs.
Built for the fifth Duke of Devonshire, the Georgian crescent has deteriorated sharply since St Ann's Hotel, which takes up two thirds of its length, was closed under a

hygiene order in June 1989.
The owners. Capitalrise
Ltd, will have two months to
respond to the notice. If their reply is unsatisfactory. Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, may issue a compulsory purchase order. A very low value would probably be placed on the building, reflecting its condition. Previously the asking price for the hotel had been £750,000.

# Repairs to | Fraud team tracks banana bunch

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

QUESTION: When does a legal banana become illegal? Answer: When it is grown in Nicaragua but masquerades as a European Community
"preference" banana from
Britain's former Caribbean colony of Dominica.

Customs officers who have been on the trail of alleged EC "banana runners" for more than a year have "detained" 75 tonnes of the fruit at Felixstowe harbour that arrived from Holland. They sus-

pect a plot to deprive the Exchequer of £1.6 million in import tariff revenue. "Our investigations are centred on a company in Hull No arrests have been made yet," a customs spokesman said. This is the first time that we have uncovered clear evi-

dence pointing to fraud." Customs officers say 53 tonnes of bananas from Nicaragua, which should pay a 20 per cent tariff, were hidden under 22 tonnes of bananas from Dominica, a Windward isle, which are allowed dutyfree entry to Britain. To the banana connoisseur,

there is no mistaking the

difference between the smaller, mottled, thin-skinned, bruise easy and high-cost Caribbean fruit, usually grown on peasant smallholdings, and the large, waxy yellow "dollar" bananas cheaply mass produced on Latin American plantations run by

United States multinationals.

The purpose of the alleged

scam appears to have been to exploit banana price differences within the EC where some countries. including Britain, France, Italy and Spain, use import tariffs and quotas to limit the access of low-cost "dollar" bananas. Bananas in Britain, which imports 55 per cent of its needs from the Windward Isles and Jamaica, cost up to 25 per cent more than in Germany, which allows free access to the cheaper Latin American fruit. The uncovery of the alleged

fraud comes as the EC is struggling to agree on uni-form import arrangements for bananas in time for the start of the single market on January l, when dollar bananas will be able to flow freely across the Community.



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# Upstaged opposition leaders struggle to make their mark on the political debate



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Ashdown: keeping the

J ames Carville, the campaign wizard of the Clinton team, put up a sign in its Little Rock headquarters which declared blunt-"the economy stupid". That theme, the sign implied, ought to be repeated again and again. But what should John Smith and Paddy Ashdown now be seeking to

Opposition leaders have few opportunities to affect the direction of the political debate. In general, the government sets the agenda through its actions and legislation. Shadow spokesman mainly have to react, receiving much less media attention than ministers, unless it is just before an election and their party is well placed in the polls. Prime minister's questions proON POLITICS:

vides one of the rare opportunities for the Opposition to take the . headlines away from John Major. A pointed question which puts Mr Major on the defensive is likely to get on the evening news bulletins. The parties press advisers measure the impact of their leaders by the number of televised sound bites they can achieve.

In the 14 prime minister's questions since Parliament returned in mid-October, Mr Smith, or Margaret Beckett, his deputy, have raised the economy, unemployment or the related issue of wages councils six times, Iraqi arms sales

three times, and other matters (the coal industry dispute, Europe, the and Opinion Research Internaleague table of exam results, council tax and the Queen's taxes) once

At times, some journalists have thought that Mr Smith has missed the issue of the day in the Commons, but his judgment has coincided with that of television news editors and he has had a high strike rate of getting on the early evening bulletins at least.

Over the period, Labour has had three opposition days when it has had the chance to pick the topic for debate, choosing pit closures, Iraqi arms sales and, for today,

The Labour assessment ties in with public concerns indicated by

tional poll for Times Newspapers shows that, in answer to a question about the most important issues facing Britain now, unemployment is mentioned by 71 per cent. followed by the economy/the economic situation (47 per cent), the health service (27 per cent), the European Community (19 per cent), education (16 per cent) and housing (15 per cent).

M I Ashdown has a more difficult task. He only has the opportunity to ask one question rather than the three interventions permitted to Mr Smith as leader of the Opposition. The Liberal Democrat leader has intervened nine times during prime minister's questions. Three of these questions have been about the plight of Bosnian refugees, especially those held in Serbian prison compounds. He will be visiting Bosnia again this

The Liberal Democrats used half of their only opposition day this autumn to raise the problems of the former Yugoslavia. Mr Ashdown has also raised Europe twice; and the economy. Iraqi arms, the council tax and the coal dispute

If anyone has been responsible for keeping the Bosnian issue in front of the Commons, it is Mr Ashdown, even though his proposal for the limited use of force, if sary, to contain the conflict

has so far attracted only limited support either in the Commons or more widely. Mr Smith has not raised the issue during prime minister's questions, though Tony Blair, Labour's shadow home secrepary, did put down a private notice question on Bosnian refugees.

At this stage of a parliament, there is little that opposition parties can do except sort out their internal affairs and try to avoid being ignored by the media. In part reflecting their personalities, Mr Smith has been sticking to the mainstream of the political debate while Mr Ashdown has been striking out in less predictable

PETER RIDDELL

# MPs offered private talks with MI5 chief in security enquiry

By Jonathan Prynn and John Lewis

AN ALL-party committee of MPs is to question Stella Rimington, the head of M15, over lunch, after she was instructed not to appear before a formal session of the

The home affairs select committee, which yesterday questioned Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, on the security services, is planning to draw up a report on parliamentary scrutiny of MI5 and MI6, to be published in mid-January.

The committee had invited Mrs Rimington to give evidence, but she declined on the advice of Mr Clarke. However, Mr Clarke has agreed that members of the committee, which is chaired by Sir Ivan Lawrence, can meet Mrs Rimington for informal talks, and a lunch appointment at her M15 offices is to be set for early in the new year.

The discussions are unlikely to have any significant influence on the committee's findings, which may recommend the appointment of a special select committee to cover MI5,

MI6 and the defence intelligence services. MPs are hoping to influence John Major, who has promised legislation to put the intelligence services on a statutory basis. They are also concerned that MI5's new leading role in the fight against terrorism will lead to an erosion of the committee's power of scrutiny of crime-

fighting operations.

Mr Clarke was repeatedly pressed by committee members on parliamentary ac-countability of the security services. He said he took the view that the security services should not be accountable to a select committee for its operations because of the danger of undermining its effectiveness.
He rejected the committee's

argument that it is possible to make a distinction between matters of policy, which could be safely examined by the committee, and operational matters, which clearly had to be kept confidential.

Chris Mullin, the Labour MP for Sunderland South, said leaks to the press were the only way Parliament was kept informed of the activities of the

Apart from the option of appointing an entirely new select committee looking at spending, administration and policy of all the intelligence services, the home affairs committee is considering others recommendations, including: ☐ Sharing responsibility be-tween the home affairs select committee (responsible for M15), the foreign affairs select committee (M16) and the de-fence select committee (defence intelligence).

Appointing a hybrid committee including, perhaps, a judge and privy counsellors. ☐ Forming a committee of both MPs and peers. MPs argue that there is no

reason why a specifically ap-pointed committee should not be able to scrutinise the three

One change that would probably be required would be to end the right of all MPs to attend any committee. The defence select committee has overcome the problem of un-invited MPs by adjourning meetings, but it is thought that an intelligence select committee would need special powers to meet in total privacy. ☐ The home secretary has

warned the police "trade unions" that they should not fall into the trap of blaming all their problems on lack of resources. Mr Clarke, who has taken an unusually hard line with the police on several policy areas, told the home affairs select committee vesterday that all public services had a habit of responding to criticism by citing lack of

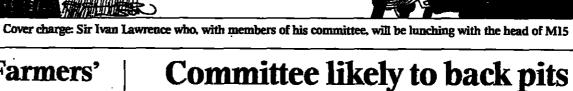
money and manpower. Giving credence to that explanation meant "avoiding ever facing up to imposing effectiveness and efficiency on those services," he said. Spending on the police had increased by 80 per cent in real terms since 1979.

Mr Clarke also described reported crime statistics as "almost useless" without factors such as changes to police recording practices being taken into account.

Clarke: told MI5 chief not to give evidence

chairman and partly because

it does not want the answers



By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE trade and industry select committee is expected to recommend that a significant number of the 31 coal pits earmarked for closure should be reprieved.

dence and will draw up a draft

final report will be published in mid-January, but it is believed that many members have been persuaded by the evidence so far that more than half the pits would be viable.

that at least 60 million tonnes of coal a year should be end stockpiling at the pit-head. Malcolm Bruce, Liberal Democrat trade and industry trade and industry committee, the next five years. The Lib



# MPs call for press probe

Peter Bottomley, a former Tory minister, joined Labour MPs yesterday in calling for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to investigate the domination of British broadcasting and national newspapers by Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, whose subsidiary News International owns The Times.

Mr Bottomley supported Labour's Chris Mullin. who criticised Mr Murdoch's ownership of 50 per cent of BSkyB, the satellite TV company, and 35 per cent of national newspaper circulation. Robert Key, the national heritage minister, said there were already safeguards to check newspaper ownership.

#### Lottery talk

Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, and Robert Key, his junior minister, are to have talks later this week with the football pools industry about the proposed national lottery.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: health; prime minister. Debate on Opposition motion on unemployment. Lords (2.30): Agriculture bill, committee, first day.

# **Euro-sceptics plan** new wrecking move

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

MINISTERS were last night facing a new obstacle in their efforts to push the Maastricht treaty bill through the Commons after Tory Euro-sceptics indicated that they plan to extend their wrecking tactics to a second piece of European legislation.

MPs opposed to the treaty said that they had found a way of forcing a Commons vote on a referendum, and disclosed plans for an "alternative summit" in Edinburgh.

The Swiss referendum rejecting closer ties with the EC has turned the parliamentary spotlight on to the European Economic Area bill, which is expected to come before the Commons in the new year. The little-noticed bill amends UK law by extending the Community's single market to the seven Efta countries to create a free-trade area of 370 million people and 19 countries. It was this proposal, seen as a stepping stone to full EC membership by several of the Efta countries, that was turned down by Swiss voters on

Sunday. The European Economic Area bill has cleared its Lords stages and awaits its second reading in the Commons. Anti-Maastricht Tories indicated that they intended to use it to open a new line of attack in their guerrilla war with the government whips. The government's parlia-

mentary timetable could become dogged in the new year with two pieces of European legislation grinding their way through the Commons. Tempers are likely to become even more frayed as loyalist Tories face the prospect of yet more late-night sittings, Euro-sceptic ambushes and filibustering. Badly judged delaying tactics could backfire on the the anti-Maastricht lobby.

William Cash, one of the leading Conservative critics of Maastricht, said yesterday that he had just stumbled across the EEA bill and that he expected it to be drawn into the Maastricht crossfire. "I am very much in favour of enlargement but not within the framework of Maastricht itself, because Maastricht is

centralising," he said. Mr Cash said that, after some "tidying up", he had been assured by the Commons clerks that his referendum amendment to the Maastricht bill was in order. The bill does not allow for the spending of public money. Labour leaders are opposed to a referendum on Maastricht.

Parliamentarians opposed to the treaty from Britain and elsewhere in the EC will gather in Edinburgh on the opening day of the EC summit to press their case for it to be

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# report over Christmas. The

Farmers'

fears

allayed

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

AGRICULTURE

CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS should not suffer

any further loss of income or

production under a new world

trade settlement, John Major

At a 45-minute meeting in

Downing Street David Naish president of the National

Farmers' Union, handed Mr

Major a letter calling for

guarantees that British farm-

ers would not have to take

more arable land out of pro-

duction than was envisaged in

the reform of the European

Community's common agricultural policy. "It would be intolerable if the set-aside pro-

gramme had to be stepped up. The NFU is seeking assur-

ances from you that this will

not be the case," the letter said.

"More unused countryside

would itself be unacceptable

and the current scheme dis-

criminates heavily against

France is threatening to veto

a liberalisation of world trade

under the General Agreement

on Tariffs and Trade if the

final settlement includes cuts

in farm subsidies agreed in Washington last month by

EC and American negotiators. Belgium, Italy, Spain and

Ireland have all expressed

varying degrees of support for

French and Belgian farmers

have taken to the streets in violent protest. NFU leaders have dissociated themselves

from such tactics, but they

share some of the concern and

are under pressure from their members to take a more

militant stance. They fear that

if the European Commission's calculations are wrong, British

farmers would suffer

disproportionately. .

British producers.

said yesterday.

The all-party committee. which launched its own enquiry into the 31 pit closures. announced in October, has nearly finished taking evi-

These include some of the ten pits which the government refused to put into its review and which are now due to close at the end of January.

Meanwhile, the Liberal Democrats launched their own energy strategy, arguing

produced for the foreseeable future, with a one-off deal to spokesman, who is on the said that more than half the pits should stay open over Dem strategy includes a halt programme.

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By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SCRAPPING child benefit and mortgage tax relief is to be considered by the Labour party's commission of social justice as part of a radical review of welfare benefits. The commission, to be

chaired by Sir Gordon Borrie, former director general of the Office of Fair Trading, will be looking at ways to redistribute money to the poor without losing "Middle England" voters. It will examine whether child benefit should be kept as a universal payment or means tested as part of an integration of tax and benefits.

Although Labour has effectively torn up the shadow budget on which it fought and some say lost - the general election. John Smith is still committed to redistributive taxation. His problem now is to persuade the better-off to do a bit more to help those on very low incomes, without losing their support. Despite pledges to raise child benefit at the last election, there is a growing feeling in the party that it is an outdated payment which costs too much to uprate.

One option is taxing child benefit at the higher threshold and using the income to target poorer groups. Other MPs support a benefit for the under-fives which could be used for child support. There is a strong body of resistance to further means testing of benefits, due to

getting the commission up

and running partly because it had difficulty finding a

too soon. John Smith, who dreamt up the idea during his Labour leadership campaign, has made it clear that he wants to wait until much nearer the next general election before committing the party to new pledges. The commission is not expected to report for two years. Sir Gordon and his team

will also look at the advantages of scrapping national insurance contributions or setting up a hypothecated tax for welfare benefits. In addition it will review the need for tax allowances such as mortgage relief and prithe poverty stigma attached. The Labour party has been a bit slow off the mark at vate pensions.

Sir Gordon, a QC, has a long track record of working on social issues, having served as OFT director-general for 16 years. Although he contested two parliamentary seats for Labour in the 1950s, he is seen as an independent chairman and is expected to command widespread respect. Donald Dewar, the shadow social security spokes-

man, said yesterday that the commission would be looking why the system was not meeting the Beveridge ideal. We want to focus public attention on the underclass the needy, the educationally deprived, those on low pay and those housed madequately," he said. Mr Dewar has upset some

his parliamentary colleagues by failing to include any of them on the commission. He is adamant that the committee should be seen to be independent.



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Countdown to dawn troop landings

# Somali fight over food store leaves 50 dead

FIERCE fighting enupted in Baidoa in central southern factions of the Raha Weyn clan struggled for control of a Red Cross food store. The Irish aid agency, Goal, evacu-ated its staff.

After sending half of its staff out of the country with a large number of other charities working in Baidoa last week. Goal sent its remaining two nurses, a doctor and an ad-ministrator to safety in Mombasa, Kenya, yesterday after-noon. The evacuation came after at least 50 people, about half of them civilians, were killed and 50 wounded in fighting in the crowded market place between Raha Weyn cian members, who style themselves as members of the Somali Democratic Movement. Members of the Somali Liberation Army, a nominal coalition of factions which includes the Democratic



anti-aircraft cannon.

Aid agencies have scaled down their operations, feeding at least 60,000 people in Baidoa and surrounding vil-lages, to a skeleton staff after a week of violence. Just 37 foreigners remain in the town, the capital of the Bay region. The dying continues at a rate

secure...We hope desperately that the Americans will come as soon as possible," said Helen Fitzgerald, a murse.

The Australian branch of Care has suffered worst at the hands of looters, who in the stockpile food and money before the American troops arrive. Care has four people left in Baidoa to handle more than 100 tons of food arriving from Mombasa every day and ing people for fear they would be shot on their way to the airstrip. "We couldn't leave even if we wanted to. They would kill us," said Lockten Morrissey, director of the Care operation in Baidoa.

Sources said last night that American troops, after taking advice from aid organisations throughout the blighted south and central parts of Somalia, where thousands have starved to death because of the two-year civil war and ensuing anarchy, that American troops would land



Helping hand: a Somali gumman unloads supplies for the US embassy in Mogadishu from a transport plane on to his armed vehicle

possibly at dawn on Wednesday, and swiftly move into lages, such as Wajid, north of Baidoa, and Dinsoor, to the south. They were also expected

Somalia. Over the past two days American Hercules transport planes flew at least a dozen runs over Wajid and

Kenya and Ethiopia yesterday closed their borders with

flotilla, which also includes French and American ships, off the coast of Mogadishu.

The most dangerous part of Operation Restore Hope for the Americans would be Baidere, a large town on the banks of the Juba river in

miles east of the Kenyan border, where heavy fighting between the rival warlords General Muhammad Farrah Aidid and General Muhammad Hersi Morgan was reported yesterday. Incoming troops would have to use

flooded the airstrip. The road between Baidoa and Baidere was last night made impasspoor weather could be the most difficult part of the operation for the Americans but the troops are not expected

US missile plan makes

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

progress

RUSSIA is showing great interest in developing with the Americans a global protection system against ballistic mis-siles, Henry Cooper, director of the US strategic defence initiative research pro-

gramme, known as "Star Wars", said yesterday. Mr Cooper, who will leave his job once the Clinton administration takes over, is among a number of American officials who have met the Russians to discuss missile defence in recent months. Bill Clinton has made only brief references to the American research programme, but has indicated support for a medi-um-range missile defence system to counter the threat posed by countries acquiring ballistic missiles.

After talks at the Ministry of Defence in London, Mr Cooper said the Russians were talking seriously about the need for global protection against the missile threat. Should a joint system be deployed, Mr Cooper said, he emissaged the Americans and envisaged the Americans and Russians sharing command and control, with the possibili-ty of Russian anti-ballistic missile systems being used in a regional conflict.

This would not however, undermine the role of America and its Nato allies in protecting themselves against the potential threat still posed by ballistic missiles in Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Mr Cooper said: "I don't want to write off that threat. Their missiles are still targeted on

Mr Cooper said the Russians realised that a theatre missile defence system could also protect Moscow from an attack by their own closest neighbours, such as Ukraine.

# Colorado's gay ruling challenged

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

COLORADO'S tourist business is facing a glum winter repeal laws guaranteeing equal rights to homosexuals. The amendment, which also banned equal rights legisla-tion for homosexuals in the future, was passed early last month by a narrow margin and has provoked the anger of many who saw it as a direct attack on the gay community in the United States.

A group of protesters led by Martina Navratilova, the lesbian tennis champion, and backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, has filed a federal law suit challenging the legality of the amendment. The state has already lost at least \$10 million (£6.6 million) in anticipated revenue due to cancelled conventions.

While many people in Hollywood talked vaguely of boycotting the state, Barbra Streisand, the actress, delivered a speech at an Aids benefit in Los Angeles almost two week ago denouncing the "vote for hate" in Colorado. There are plenty of us who love the mountains and rivers of that beautiful state," Streisand said, "but we must now say clearly that the moral climate there is no longer acceptable and ... we must refuse to play where they

That, for many celebrities, was just going too far. Many prominent individuals in the entertainment industry keep winter homes in Aspen. But momentum behind a boycott is growing. The Boycott Colorado organisation reports receiving more than 200 calls daily from businesses and tourists keen to withdraw investment or services from the

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# Hersh alleges new Nixon conspiracy

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

SECRET White House tapes have revealed that in 1972 Richard Nixon, then US president, conspired to oplant the campaign litera-ture of his Democratic presidential rival in the flat of the man who tried to assassinate George Wal-lace, an article in the New

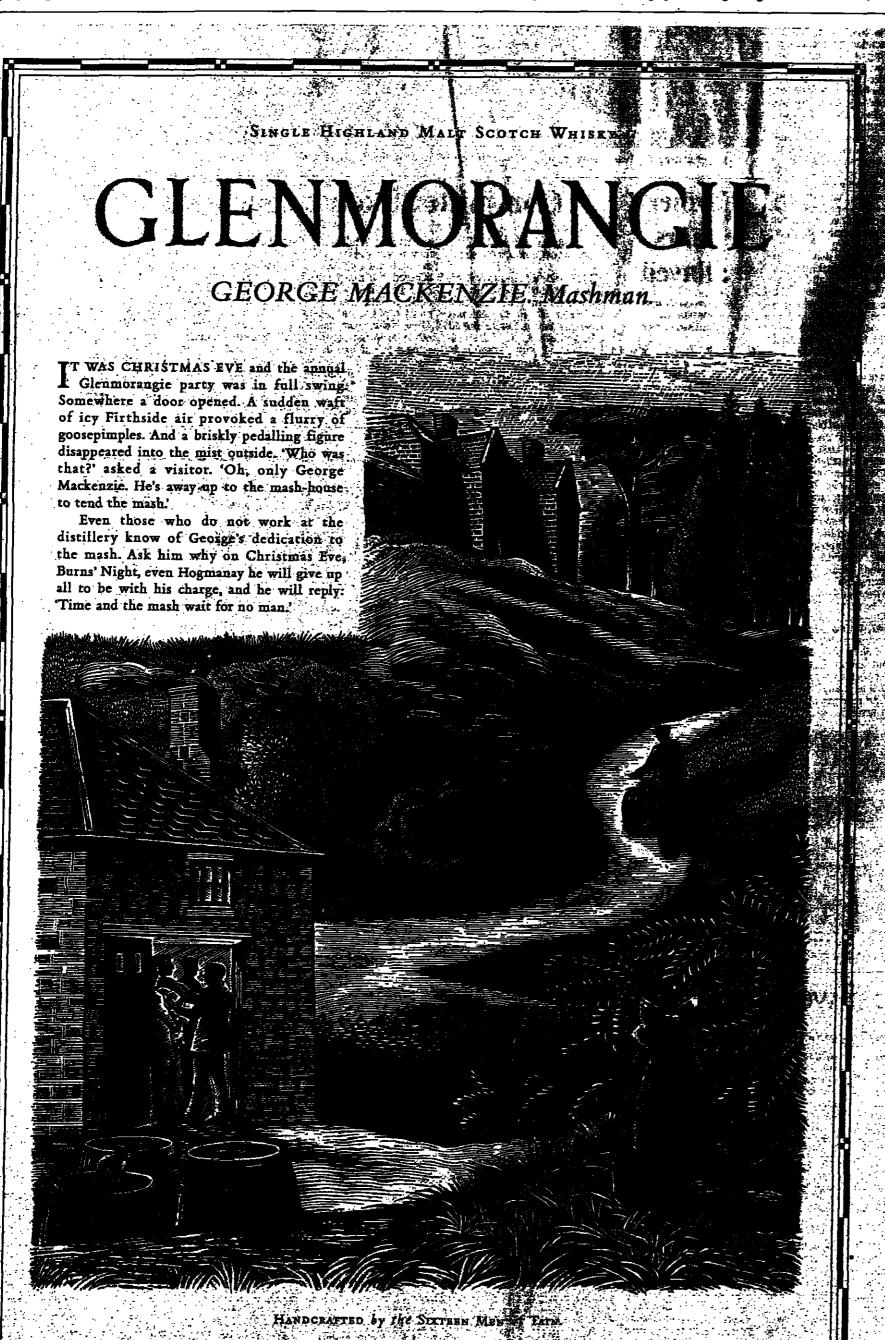
Yorker says.
The article, by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh, is based on secret tapes that have not yet been approved for release by the National Archives. Hersh alleges that just hours after Mr Wallace, the independent candidate was a best and the candidate was a best a best and the candidate was a best and the candidate was a best and the candidate was a best a best a best and the candidate was a best a best and the candidate was a best a b candidate, was shot and crippled for life by Arthur Bremer on May 15, 1972, Mr Nixon and a top aide sent a political agent to place literature relating to George McGovern, his Democratic rival in Bremer's Milwankee flat to implicate the Democrats.

The plot was allegedly foiled because the FBI had scaled off the flat by the time Howard Hunt, the agent who was also a key figure in the Watergate break-in, arrived. Hersh

writes that at the time Mr Nixon criticised Charles Colson, his co-conspirator and special counsel, for not

slowing down the FBL Mr Nixon has so far refused to comment on the new allegations, but one of his lawyers, Herbert Miller, report on secret papers that are still subject to litiga-tion. "Hersh has obviously written this article based on what he heard from disgruntled archivists," he told The New York Times. In the article Hersh says that Mr Colson confirmed

the existence of a plot, and admitted that the tapes revealed "the black sides of our natures. It was both of us" More than 4,000 hours of conversations, secretly taped in the Nixon White House, are the subject of a legal battle involving the National Archives. journalists and the former president. "Nixon is win-ning one of the most signif-icant battles of his life after Watergate: keeping quiet the full story of what happened in his White House," writes Mr Hersh.



# Muslim world seethes over India mosque destruction

By Christopher Thomas in lucknow AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE destruction of the 16thcentury Ayodhya mosque has sent a wave of anger round the Muslim world, triggering riots, widespread destruction and threats to Indian businesses and property, particularly from India's Muslim

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neighbours.
Many countries appealed for calm and restraint and called on India to protect its 100 million Muslims. In India itself Muslims are seeking safety in silence. They are in a minority almost everywhere and it would be suicidal to fight back

Hindus burnt Muslim homes in northern states and attacked Muslim quarters in Delhi, Bhopal, Jaipur, Bombay and other cities yesterday. Violence has been on a comparatively small scale because there has not been time to orchestrate it. Riots in India are the work of politicians vying to demonstrate power:

rarely are they spontaneous. Syed Abdullah Bukhari, the imam of the Jama Masjid mosque in Delhi, said of the destruction of the Ayodhya mosque: "It is a tragedy. Our hearts are broken." He avoided any harsh condemnation.

In the Muslim quarters of Lucknow, capital of Uttar Pradesh, the state where Ayodhya is located, troops guarded empty streets yesterday. A 24-hour curfew was aimed not at preventing a Muslim backlash, because there will not be one of any significance, but at stopping Hindus causing trouble.

In Dhaka, one person was killed and 100 injured as thousands of protesters filled the streets of the Bangladeshi capital yesterday shouting Allahu Akbar (God is great) and denouncing India. The victim was shot dead by police in front of the city's main

mosque as the protesters at-tacked shops and government buildings. They also fired teargas at 5,000 radicals who threatened to storm the Indian high commission building in west Dhaka.

Communal · broke out in Bangladesh's southern port cities of Chittagong and Khulna where there are large Hindu communities. Temples were attacked and Hindu businesses ransacked.

Pakistan reacted strongly to the destruction of the mosque and called for a countrywide strike today. Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, expressed deep anguish over the attack and called on Pakistanis to register their protest by closing all businesses and holding rallies.
The Islamic Conference

Organisation, representing one billion Muslims, called the action in Ayodhya barbaric and accused the Indian government of succumbing to Hindu fundamentalists. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, yesterday denounced the attack as an insult and said Muslims should not tolerate such desecration. Rather than calling for revenge or independent action by India's Muslims, however, he urged the Indian government to act to uphoid

Muslim rights. Hundreds of Pakistani and Indian Muslims closed their shops in the United Arab Emirates. Shops were also closed in Dubai's bustling souks. Riot police dispersed crowds, a rare scene in the Gulf emirate where commercial concerns tend to be

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# **Beauty wins contest** of Venezuela polls

FROM REUTER IN CARACAS

Trene Saez, who won the Miss Universe title in 1981, has swapped her title for that of mayor of Venezuela's richest municipality. Señora Saez, 30, whose

past made her the most publicised of the 200,000 candidates in the country's state and municipal elections, defeated two contenders for the newly created Chacao district of eastern Caracas, the local Venevision network said. President Perez, who last

month survived a second bloody coup attempt this year, received another blow yesterday when early projections showed voters had spurned his party in the elections. Two television stations predicted that President Pérez's Accion Democratica party had won between six and eight of 22 gubernatorial seats in the polls, against 11 for the Copci opposition party.

senora Saez was backed by both Accion Democra-tica and Copei for leader-ship of the district of about 180,000 people. In a recent interview she said she was attracted to politics by the failed coup attempt on Febmary 4, which she described as a wake-up call

to defend democracy. I will not defraud the confidence you have placed in me," she said. "In addition to a mayor you will always have a friend in me. a person who will always fight for her people." It was

of the vote she had won. Last month's second coup attempt gave new importance to the local elections, which were seen Venezuela's 34-year-old democratic system. At least 170 people died, and about 1,300 members of the armed forces were arrested after rebel air force units and left-wingers seized two air bases and strafed the presidential palace on November 27.

jubilant Eduardo A Fernández, the Copei leader, told reporters after the elections: "A new political map exists in Venezueia. Copei has been converted into the leading political power."

Venevision said Accion Democratica had won eight of 22 states while Televen said the ruling party had won no more than six.

The vote for 22 state governors, 282 mayors and 2, I 16 city council members reflects opinion polls indicating the governing parunpopularity over perceptions of corruption and austerity policies

squeezing the poor-Accion Democratica still narrowly controls congress but the polls signal voters' intentions a year before planned presidential elections; the ruling party lost states that had been long-



Show of strength: Hindu fundamentalists walking along the perimeter wall of the proposed site of the Ram temple at Ayodhya on Sunday before militants stormed the 16th-century mosque located behind the trees

# Palestinians kill Israeli troops in anniversary raid

FROM REUTER IN GAZA

MUSLIM gunmen shot dead three Israeli soldiers in the occupied Gaza Strip yesterday to mark the fifth anniversary of the Palestinian revolt against Israeli rule.

The army said it was the highest number of Israeli soldiers killed in one attack by Palestinians in the occupied territories since the uprising started. Three Palestinians in a white car sprayed the soldiers' vehicle with automatic gunfire before dawn and fled. Arab workers said the gun-men shouted "Allahu

Akhbar" (God is greater). Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, claimed responsibility for the attack near Beit Lahya in leaflets. The army said the soldiers, all reservists, were patrolling along a main road about 800 yards from the army's Nahal Oz roadblock at about 5.30am

when they were ambushed.
Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, vowed that Israel would capture the assailants and bring them to trial. Ehud Barak, the army chief, said Israel expected Palestinian

groups opposed to peace to step up attacks, hoping to disrupt the 13-month-old Middle East peace talks resuming in Washington.

the intifada with stone-throwing confrontations, have turned increasingly to guns. Israeli soldiers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip this year - 11 - as in all four previous years of the revolt, the army said. The number of Palestinians killed by Israeli troops has also risen sharply, with 17 Arabs killed by troops since the start of November.

☐ Cairo: Muayad Hassan Naji, a senior Iraqi nuclear scientist, was shot dead with a silenced pistol as he was parking his car with his wife. two sons and daughter in the Jordanian capital (Christopher Walker writes). Security sources said that Naji. 52, an official with the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission, was stay-ing in Amman when four shots were fired by a lone Iraqi-registered car.

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# Sarajevo supplies run low

FROM KURT SCHORK IN SARAJEVO

FIGHTING forced United Nations workers to Sarajevo airport closed to relief planes yesterday and struggle with other methods of distribut-

ing aid throughout Bosnia. Heavy shelling and machinegun fire rattled through the city centre. At dead by snipers in the old part of the town. The airport is definitely

a target," a spokeswoman for the Umied Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said. "The fight-ing now is some of the

Aid workers say the UNHCR warehouse in Sarajevo has only 150 tonnes of food left, and 200 tonnes is needed daily to feed the 380,000 civilians. UN officials in Geneva said mercy flights, halted last week could not resume until tomorrow at the earliest. (Reuter)

# Military wrangles add to aid convoys' painful progress

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT AND ADAM LEBOR IN KISFLJAK

A UN convoy, escorted through Serbian lines by British armoured vehicles, arrived safely yesterday in the northern Bosnian town of Tuzla after 50 British soldiers had to spend a freezing nightin their Warriors and Scimitars.

The delay in delivering the aid had come after a misunderstanding between the British commander of the escorting vehicles and the Belgian commander of the food convoy. The Belgian had refused to go through Serbian lines into Bosnia until he was satisfied the route had been

thoroughly reconnoitred. In spite of insistence by the British commander, Major Abraham of the 9th/12th Lancers, that his escort team had travelled the route safely to meet the Bel-gian UN convoy, the Belgian officer declined to make the trip at night.
The disagreement between

the two officers has highlight ed the sensitive nature of the command and control system agreed for the military escorts

Commanders' disputes bear out local suspicions that national contingents have differing aims and prejudices

of UN humanitarian relief convoys. The Belgian officer. Major Van Deputte, who has been in Bosnia since the end of October, was the convoy outranked Major Abraham, He was within his rights to refuse to move across Serbian lines until he was satisfied



Stewart: command and control system flawed

However, the decision by the lgian proved frustrating for

mps was watched with interest by local Bosnians, who have long suspected that the blue berets of the UN forces conceal a range of different national views and strategies. The British, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, and the French are regarded as the most deter-mined. Some Croat soldiers in Bosnia support the British armoured presence here while resenting the French UN contingent, on the grounds that the French are allegedly bi-

In fact these accusations of bias are quite simply ex-plained: French soldiers are based behind Serb lines in Bihac, northwest Bosnia where they are unlikely to find any Croat or Muslim officers to include in negotiations. There is also a belief among

ased towards the Serbs.

troops have been sent to draw attention away from Northern

The Ukrainian UN contingent in Sarajevo has not been universally welcomed by local Muslims. Many believe that they are biased towards their follow Orthodox Serbs. For some Croat soldiers the UN presence behind Serb lines and in the capital Belgrade marks all UN troops out as friends of the Serbs.

With the safety of land routes still uncertain, the UN yesterday sent its first relief train to the southern town of Mostar from the Adriatic port of Ploce. Meanwhile, Malcolm Ritkind, the defence secretary, arrived at Split last night to see British troops.

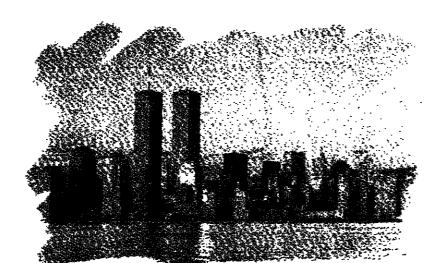
Ljubljana: Milan Kucan. Slovenia's popular former communist president, headed yesterday, while the ruling Liberal Democratic party seemed set to dominate parlia-ment. With 78 per cent of ballots counted, the official election commission said Mr Kucan had 63.9 per cent of votes. (Reuter)

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Arms and the men: British troops at the Vitez barracks in central Bosnia.

Confusion over the chain of command has not been resolved



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# **Congress** challenges Ukraine on Crimea

FROM ANNE McElvoy IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S Congress of People's Deputies yesterday criticised the pace of reforms in the army and called on the government to expedite talks with former Soviet republics on the rights of Russian troops stationed there and the timetable for withdrawal. The assembly also called on President Yeltsin to approve a budget and programme for military production and to increase funds to alleviate hardship within the armed forces. Congress urged that the

Black Sea fleet port at Sevastopol should be given special status, challenging Mr Yelf-sin's accord with President Kravchuk giving Ukraine sovereignty over the Crimea. Nationalist deputies objected to Ukraine's right to the Crime the legality of the 1964 decree handing sovereignty to Kiev.

The lengthy debate on the army, which was dominated by hardliners, meant a postponement of the vote on the future of Yegor Gaidar, the acting prime minister, whose survival is seen as essential to the continuation of radical reform. The Yeltsin camp has been holding talks with the centre-right Čivic Union in an attempt to reach a deal on Mr Gaidar's appointment, possi-bly involving other cabinet changes. However, yesterday Viktor Gerashchenko, chairman of the Central Bank, said Mr Gaidar should "abandon his obsession with the present model of reform" if he hoped to gain support from moder-

The government appeared to be split on what tactics to pursue should the opposition block Mr Gaidar's candidacy in the vote scheduled for today. Andrei Nechayev, the economics minister, disputed a spokesman's statement at the weekend that the government intended to resign if Mr Gaidar were ousted, but he said the threat "corresponds to the inclination of many inside the cabinet".

# Oil spreads along coast of Spain

La Coruña: Salvage teams watched helplessly as oil from the stricken tanker Aegean Sea spread along Spain's northwestern coast, smothering sea birds and contaminat

ing fishing grounds.
Due to bad weather, divers have been unable to inspect the tanker, which ran aground here and broke in two last week. Experts think 13,000 tonnes of crude oil are still inside the ship. (Reuter)

#### Patten blamed

Peking: China blamed Chris Patten, the Hong Kong goverket crash. The People's Daily newspaper accused him of wreaking havoc in the colony in the four months since he

#### Defence deal

Tokyo: Japan has decided to buy from America four Awacs surveillance planes considered essential to improve the country's defence capability. The Japanese press estimates that the new generation Awars will cost £287 million each. (AFP) Border to close

Siaya, Kenya: President Moi told a rally here that he would close Kenya's border with Uganda until after multiparty elections on December 29. He urged police to ensure that no 'suspicious people" entered the country. (Reuter)

#### Iraq celebrates

Baghdad: Iraq inaugurated its Saddam River irrigation project, a 350-mile waterway from Baghdad to Basra, at Youstiya, south of the capital. Iraqis used the occasion to celebrate resistance to United Nations sanctions. (Reuter)

#### Safe habitat

Peking: China is to launch a ten-year. £35 million project to build new habitats for the endangered giant panda. It will involve resettling about 5,000 farmers in Sichuan, Shaanxi and Gansu provinces. (Reuter)

# Deputies shun pleas from plotters' wives

By ANNE McElvoy

THE handwriting varies from bold, furious strokes to the neat, cramped script of the craven petitioner but the pleas are the same. Seven wives of the Soviet coup plotters have turned to the Congress of People's Depu-ties begging for the release of their husbands, who have been awaiting trial for treason for more than a year.

The Russian government, fearful that a trial could embarrass some leading political figures, has not yet set a date and the men languish unheeded in the forbidding "Sailors' Silence" prison prison north of Moscow.

The lobby of the Kremlin Grand Palace, where the faithful communist supporters pin their letters, is one of the few public forums open to the apostates. "Our husbands are still in prison after 15 months and their health is failing dramatically." writes the wife of Dmitri Yazov, the former defence minister. Rosa Kryuchkov, married

to Vladimir Kryuchkov, the former head of the KGB. is more robust in her appeal. Their deeds came from their understanding of constitu-

tional duty," she writes.
Gennadi Yanayev, vicepresident at the time of the coup and head of the plotters' "emergency committee". justified the coup, in August 1991, in a letter to the hardline Narodnaya Gazeta last week. He said that Mikhail Gorbachev, the former president, was trying to break up the Soviet Union.

However, even at the conservative-dominated Congress, sympathy for the men is limited, less, one suspects. out of moral disapproval than because they were too drunk and inefficient to succeed.

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#### British back Maastricht but clamour for referendum grows BY ROBERT WORCESTER Times in Scotland, published last Sunday, which showed that only 9 per cent of Scots felt tion of the treaty in Italy and THE British public - or at ONBURO. than favourable. In Britain.

least those with a view on the subject - would now vote to ratify the Maastricht treaty by a 55 per cent to 45 per cent margin if they could, according to the latest opinion poll, by Gallup for BBC Regional Broadcasting. And although the government is set against any vote on the question, 75 per cent are in favour of a referendum. Only 16 per cent are opposed.

The government will be relieved to know that the pendulum has swung back to more in favour than against ratification, returning to the position last June before the currency upheavals in Sep-tember that caused a violent swing in public opinion against the treaty.
The selling of Maastricht is.

belatedly, running at full tilt, and is being tracked by the Mori polls for Times Newspa-

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pers and The European, and the European Commission's regular opinion poll, the Eurobarometer, and now Gal-lup for the BBC. The Gallup poll, done among a sample of 7.067 electors interviewed between November 16 and 23, shows that still 38 per cent are undecided, but that 34 per cent are in favour and 28 per cent opposed. Of those who have a view. 55 per cent favour ratification and 45 per cent are against.

A month earlier, the EC's Eurobarometer showed nearly six in ten opposed to ratification, but on a differently worded question. Gallup asked: "Do you think the UK parliament should approve the Maastricht bill next year or not?" Some of the 14 per cent swing towards the treaty may be due to this wording. The last fieldwork was done

on Sunday, which narrowly

rejected Swiss integration with the EC. Eighteen of Switzeron a record 80 per cent turnout, yet the individual vote went narrowly against - 49.7 in favour, 50.3 per cent

opposed. With the EC summit open-ing in Edinburgh on Thursday, EC leaders will be disappointed in the results of a Mori survey for The Sunday

they knew even a fair amount about the treaty, that 69 per cent of Scots said they believe that the government should was carried out. hold a referendum, and that if Remarkably. Denmark the more than half — 58 per cent — of Scots who are undecided on the issue are ignored, the remainder are

and 21 per cent against.
If those responsible for selling the treaty had paid close attention to earlier Euro-. barometer signals, the last place (save Britain) to have held an early referendum would have been Denmark. For years the twice-yearly Eurobarometer has measured the lukewarm support for the Community among the Danes and the British, while registering strong support in. among others, Italy, Ireland and in the newest members,

Spain, Portugal and Greece.

divided with 21 per cent for

Spain, both countries experiencing exchange rate prob-lems just before the fieldwork

bucked the trend in the Eurobarometer survey, with increased support for Western unification (+4 per cent), Com-munity membership (+11), perceived benefits of membership (+6) and feeling sorry if the Community were to be scrapped (+11). That said, the Danes, next to the British, are still the reluctant Europeans. If a second referendum had been held at the time of the fieldwork in Denmark, 53 per cent said they still would have

voted "No". The Italians, the Belgians and the Dutch are the most favourable to the treaty, with the British the most reluctant (62 per cent opposed) with the Danes the only others who

there are more who say they would be relieved (28 per cent) than say they would be sorry (25 per cent) if the EC were scrapped, while 41 per cent describe themselves as indif-

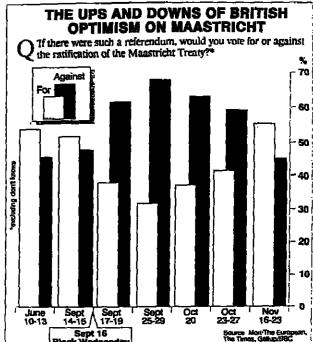
ferent one way or the other.

The levels of the undecideds is still large. Only in Denmark (41 per cent) and in Ireland (31 per cent) do more than three in ten citizens say they know much about Maastricht, both countries having held referendums on the issue.

Roughly equal numbers of former East and West Germans hold similar views about the Community on most ques-tions, with the easterners coming into line with westerners after having been more enthu-siastic in earlier surveys. Robert M Worcester is chair-

man of Mori and is visiting professor of government at the London School of Economics

and Political Science.



# Dispute over EC budget mars Major's

By Philip Webster and Edward Gorman

JOHN Major's difficulties over reaching a deal on future financing of the European Community at this week's Edinburgh summit were underlined yesterday as he completed his "charm offensive" tour of Community capitals. The prime minister visited

ing to build agreement round his compromise plan to increase Community spending to £60.5 billion by 1999, £5 billion lower than the figure originally proposed by Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission. Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, told Mr Major his plan was too generous. However, Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, said the proposal was unacceptable because it implied a £2 billion cut in Ireland's allocation from the cohesion and structural funds of the EC. British officials spoke last night of the sides in the finance dispute being "a

long way apart".

Mr Major said he was disappointed over the Swiss vote against further integra-

# Gatt deal support crumbles

FROM GEORGE BROCK AND TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

EUROPE'S solidarity on the farm trade deal struck between the European Community and America crumbled further last night as more governments threw their weight behind France's opposition.

Laurits Toemaes, the Danish farm minister, told journalists that he considered the accord only as "a proposal". He said any new General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (Gatt) deal incorporating the EC-US subsidy reduction accord was months away.

He gave a warning that the Danish presidency of the EC. which follows the British at the end of the year, will consider reforming the common agricultural policy (CAP) so that farmers receive greater compensation for lost exports.

"One of the things that will come up is the financial guidelines of the CAP," said Mr Toernaes. Ireland said it had "doubts" about the compatiloners with bility of the Washington agreement on farm subsidies. and Britain began to seem isolated in its support of the deal. Spain. Italy, Greece and Belgium have aiready expressed doubts about how compatible the agreement is

with EC policy. With only three days to go before the summit in Edinburgh, the EC faces a choice behveen a split over a new world trade treaty or buying its way out of trouble by mollifying farmers with higher payments. Farm subsidies already consume more than half of the

Community's budget.
Today ministers debate the question of how to persuade Danish voters to reverse their rejection of the Maastricht treaty. Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish foreign minister. said the complex legal compromise suggested by Britain had not attracted the support of all the Danish political parties necessary to call a second referendum.

# 'offensive'

tion into Europe, but was not surprised by it in view of the canton-by-canton voting sys-tem. He said that while the other nations of the European Free Trade Association would now be worried about the Swiss vote, he was sure they would press on with forming a The Hague and Dublin, seek-

European free trade area. As a new poll showed a big majority in Britain in favour of a referendum on Europe, Mr Major said Britain, unlike many European countries. had no "constitutional instinct" for a referendum and. in any case, the bill would be subject to close scrutiny in the House of Commons.

Mr Major, who arrived back in London last night, was pinning hopes on today's "conclave" of foreign ministers in Brussels making a breakthrough on the Danish question. Britain is preparing to warn its colleagues that a deal on financing and enlargement of the EC is just as important to European union as finding a deal that will enable Denmark to hold another referendum on the Maastricht treaty next year.

British officials, who ap-peared deliberately downbeat about the prospects of success this week, emphasised that the issues were interlocked. The Mediterranean countries are threatening to block enlargement unless they get a satisfac-tory deal on financing; the Danes are making plain that a start on enlargement will improve their chances of securing a "yes" vote next year. Mr Major today empha-

sises in the American magazine Newsweek his commitment to a larger EC: "At the Edinburgh summit this week I hope the Community will agree to set enlargement in train. We can start talking seriously about a wider Europe with future members not only from our neighbours in western Europe but from the new democracies as well." Yesterday British officials said that a solution to the problem over the Greek refusal to recognise the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia under its present name was "looking impossible".

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The chips are down: about 2,000 protesting potato growers and traders, hit by overproduction and falling prices, spilt more than 2,000 tonnes of the crop, brought on 700 tractors, in the streets of Bethune, northern France, yesterday. In Brussels, civil servants and journalists ducked for cover as young farmers pelted with cans and firecrackers the entrance to

the Charlemagne building, where the European Community Council of Ministers meets and where foreign and agriculture ministers were due to discuss the EC-US farm trade deal (Tom Walker.writes).

A crowd of 400 angry men then charged down a sidestreet and turned their anger on television crews caught between barbed wire barricades erected by the police and a park. An ITN crew's camera equipment was wrecked. A freelance cameraman for the BBC was hit in the face and thrown into a bush, and the mob pulled off his shoes before retreating under watercannon fire

from the police. The crowd marched off towards the agriculture ministry. Two weeks ago André Bourgeois, the agriculture minister, had all the windows of his house smashed; his office now seemed to faced the same treatment. Not all the demonstrators agreed with the violence. Matt O'Keeffe, the president of the Irish Young Farmers, said: "It's essential that there

ning to get public opinion on our side." His voice was drowned out as 75 tractors crawled down Rue de la Loi, the six-lane carriageway outside the Charlemagne. All five routes into the Belgian capital were reported blocked by 600 tractors. "Beats a normal ministers' meeting, doesn't should not be violence at these it," joked a Belgian policeman with a demonstrations. We're just beginriot shield, manning the barricades.

# Swiss 'no' will delay trade-zone pact | Politicians predict

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THE Swiss vote against joining a giant European single market may trigger off months of wrangling and is liable to frustrate Britain's desire to enlarge the European Community.

British officials acknowl-

edged yesterday that the issue was "slipping down" the agen-da of this week's Edinburgh summit. Signs emerged yes-terday that although the EC and the European Free Trade Association (Efta) could easily adapt the proposed European Economic Area (EEA) to form a 19-state free trade 20me, agreement may stall now that fresh talks will be needed to write Switzerland - and most probably Liechtenstein - out

In spite of Sunday's vote, the Swiss government hopes that

the economic shock of exclusion will force voters to reconsider their hostility to all forms of involvement with the Community. Swiss diplomats here confirmed that their government did not intend to withdraw an application for full EC membership, lodged earlier this year. Tristan Garel-Jones, junior minister at the Foreign Office, said that "the door remained" open to Swit-

zerland's application. Although most Efta governments have said confidently that they want to adapt and preserve the treaty to create EEA, EC diplomats here said that fresh negotiations might reopen difficult financial issues and delay the operation of the EEA until at least the middle of next year. EC leaders who gather in

Edinburgh on Thursday now face a barely acknowledged crisis of confidence in the Community. Little agreement exists on bold Keynesian schemes for pump-priming their economies. Opening membership talks with Efta states might have sent an encouraging signal to the restive democracies of Eastern Europe.

But the fate of the EEA. enlargement and the Edinburgh agenda are all entangled. The EC's four poorest governments, Spain, Portu-gal, Greece and Ireland, have asked for large sums of money in the new EC budget, which John Major hopes to settle at Edinburgh. The seven Scandinavian and alpine Efta states £1.6 billion fund for the four

weakest EC economies. With Switzerland dropping out, the EEA "cohesion" fund loses a third of its value. The Spanish government has already served notice that it expects the other Efta states to make up the difference.

☐ Geneva: German-speaking cantons led the way in reject-ing membership of the EEA in Switzerland's national referendum at the weekend (Alan McGregor writes). It was also a case of the towns voting "yes" compared with a firm "no" in rural areas. The Italian-speaking Tichino area also joined the ranks of EEA opponents, fearing the results of the frontier being opened even wider to neighbouring Italy.

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# asylum bill success

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BONN

GERMAN political leaders were confident vesterday that the weekend compromise between the centre-right ruling coalition and the opposition Social Democrats on limiting the right of political asylum would stick, despite attacks from the left.

It remains undear whether the move will stem the flow of foreigners seeking to enter Germany. Rudolf Seiters, the interior minister, said yester-day that two thirds of asylumseekers would be affected, but many Germans fear that the country's prosperity will remain an irresistible attraction.

The Greens and left-wing Social Democrats have, as expected, reacted sharply to

ic) of the 1980s, who man-

aged M Noir's election

campaign and married his

daughter while making friends with news celebrities.

the agreement. A Green spokesman said the change would have the same effect as "an order to shoot on the border", while the youth wing of the Social Democrats spoke of a "rotten compromise". Left-wing anger has been increased by the claims of the right-wing Christian Social Union, part of the ruling coalition, that the compromise

If, as seems probable, Social Democrat deputies now vote for the compromise proposals. a change to the asylum clause of the constitution will be assured of the two-thirds majority required in parliament. The Social Democrats have

fulfils their demands.

preserved the right of individuals to plead for asylum before German courts. The number of people from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe who can enter by claiming to be ethnic Germans is to be limited to 200,000, and they will have to demonstrate some real German background.

Most important for the future is the vague promise that it will be easier for foreigners settled in Germany to gain citizenship. Germany has been treating its Turkish and other minorities like the

temporary "guest-workers" they originally were. However, the Social Demo-

territory.

# Fraud charges proliferate in top echelons of French politics

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE Socialist MP and former mayor of Angoulême opened his own restaurant this week. Nothing unusual, perhaps, except that Jean-Michel Boucheron's establishment is in Buenos Aires. The deputy, who still receives his salary, has no plans to answer a police invitation to return to France, which he

left in February. M Boucheron was in the Argentine capital when the Paris parliament stripped him of his immunity from prosecution last week. Pending against him are charges that he dipped heavily into the public till during his 11

years as mayor. Charges of fraud have long been to French politics what sex scandals are to British, and flight to South America is not novel. If he pines for his homeland. M Boucheron can

visit a famous countryman in neighbouring Uruguay. Jacques Médecin, the longserving former mayor of Nice, lives in splendour there rather than returning to serve a one-year prison sentence passed in May for fraud.

On Saturday, the latest celebrity to be indicted was Charles Giscard d'Estaing, a financier and nephew of the former president. Not only has mud been splattered on the usual political suspects, but it has reached the counmy's top television news presenter and a clutch of his fellow stars. Even the ailing Communist party has been accused of illicit profiteering from phoney funeral services. The allegations of shady

behaviour in high places has fuelled much black humour

over the behaviour of the

"political-media elite". Out-

side the sophisticated circle of France's highly centralised governing and chattering classes, the revelations are being viewed as another symptom of the crisis in society and French institu-The most far-reaching of

the affaires is the saga of the Socialist finances, which has seen a provincial examining judge take on the highest reaches of President Mitterrand's party. Henri Emmanuelli, the parliamentary speaker, minister and former party treasurer, is awaiting trial, along with several other deputies. Renaud Van Ruymbeke, the young judge, went to Switzerland last week to investigate allegations that Georgina Dufoix, a former Socialist health minister, had been involved in an illicit contract



trial for fraud

for medical equipment. Mme Dufoix, who is also facing possible trial over the scandal of HIV-contaminated blood, appeared on television brandishing a list of her worldly wealth to protest her inno-cence. Her chief civil servant was charged with corruption

last week. Yet another former Mitterrand official awaiting trial for personal fraud is Bernard Tapie, the megaentrepreneur and French answer to Donald Trump, who served briefly as urban affairs minister last spring.
The opposition has little reason to gloat, however,

since a few of its leading lights have not been spared. Francois Leotard, the former leader of the centrist Parti Republicain and one of the rising younger political stars known as "quadras", is awaiting trial for alleged fraud in his home town of Frejus. He launched his re-election cam-

paign on Friday. The affaire which has most intrigued the public has dragged in the media stars and cast a shadow over Michel Noir, the mayor of Lyon, a former Gaullist minister and another of the quadras.

At the centre is Pierre Botton,

M Botton is now awaiting trial in a Lyon prison on charges of widescale fraud in the pharmacy chain he owns. The media have been kept busy with spectacular judicial leaks detailing his claims to have spent lavishly on travel and entertainment for Patrick Poivre d'Arvor, the celeb-

Mourousi, another news star from the channel, and others. M Mourousi was questioned by the investigating judge in Lyon on Wednesday. M Poivre d'Arvor is due to be questioned this week. He insisted that his "friendship" with the businessman had produced no favours in

rity presenter and editor on

TF1, the top network, Yves

crats have agreed to a list of automatic exclusions of people from countries where no persecution is thought to exist This will be used, for example, to exclude the huge number of Romanian gypsies who have been entering Germany -even though gypsies have good reason to fear persecution in Romania. It is unclear how much aid Germany will have to give to Poland and Czechoslovakia to persuade them to take back asylumseekers who have crossed their

# Scotland the aggrieved

The Scots will make the most this week of the best opportunity for 400 years to make their voices heard. Alice Thomson reports

he illuminated Christmas greetings across Edin-burgh's George Street Vrolyk Kerstfeest. Fröhliche Weinachten. Boas Festas and Joyeux Noël. The pull-out sections in the Scottish press tell us there will be German poetry. Irish dancing and French and Scandinavian film seasons. The Royal Bank has issued a special £1 note bearing the Euro-

pean flag. Forty roads have been closed off and "Lux 'We want to Europae". a sculpture show of "lightforms", flickmake sure er over the castle that we get Welcome to noticed' Summit City and

an orgy of perfor-mances. In Edinburgh this week there will be eight lectures, six rallies, four concerts, 15 conferences, ten exhibitions, an honorary degree ceremony for Jacques Delors at Edinburgh University and a "kirking" service for the heads of state at St Giles. The Liberal Democrat group on the district council has pushed through a resolution obliging the Tory group to rename its committee chamber, "The Jacques Delors Room". Edinburgh schools are

Have the Scots gone mad? Why all this fuss for a European summit which will last a mere 48 hours at the Queen's Scottish palace of Holyrood House and which marks the end of a British presidency which has conspicuously failed in its initial aim to put Britain at the

holding their own junior European

conferences and even escort agen-

cies are said to have drafted in new

heart of Europe? If the summit had been held in London, Pall Mail might have been washed down and the Beefeaters paraded, nothing more. But Lothian has not played host to an international concord since July 1560, when the Treaty of Edinburgh ended French domination of

reign of Mary Queen of Scots. The Scots see the summit as their great opportunity to show that there is more to their capital than haggis, kilts, Aids and bagpipes. The heads of state might go waving past in their hermetically sealed cars but 3,000 international journalists will not be wanting to spend their entire time holed up in the Meadowbank sports complex. And if they do venture out they may notice that Edin-

burgh is an international centre for arts, banking and insurance as well as bars; that there is little of the English europhobia (the Scots receive about 25 per cent of the UK's allocation of EC grants); and

that Scotland often has a different agenda from the rest of Britain. While southerners are "fussing over a fire in an English castle", as one correspondent for The Glasgow Herald put it, Scots have other matters on their minds.

The first point the Scots will be making concerns their destiny. On Saturday a large gathering will meet on a hillside overlooking Holyrood and march to demand a Scottish parliament. Waving banners proclaiming "Scotland in Europe" they will ask European leaders to recognise Scotland's right to have a legislature and will demand an end to 13 years.of government by a minority party which has been rejected by the Scottish electorate in the past four

They will ask Britain's partners to explain to the prime minister that subsidiarity begins at home and that the Scots should have the right to govern themselves, as far as possible — thus proving that they have no difficulty in combining significant devolution with committed federalism.

And if delegates miss that, the Scottish Fishermen's Federation's mass demonstation might tweak their nostrils. The fishing fleet



Summit city. Edinburgh sees the European summit as a great opportunity to show that there is more to the capital than haggis, kilts, Aids and bagpines

for several weeks because its quotas have run out and the federation is organising a series of stunts to highlight its plight. There will be a march through the centre of Edin-burgh where the federation will present the Secretary of State for Scotland with a box of fish. Another group of fishermen will give a noisy escort to the Royal Yacht Britannia and a skip of old log books will be burnt outside Tynecastle Park football stadium. Four thousand fishermen are expected and those from Shetland are hiring a plane for the trip. "If this embarrasses the government in front of other EC leaders so be, it," says Trudy Johnston, assistant to the federation's chief executive. "This is a perfect opportunity to protest against the unfair Seafish (Conservation) Bill. UK legislation and EC rules are strangling the fishing industry. We want to make sure we get noticed."

The Scottish National Farmers Union has decided to keep a lower profile. "We're not going to do a 'Frenchie' on the government. There will be no rockets or barricades." says Tom Brady, the assistant chief executive. "But that

doesn't mean we won't be keeping a close eye on the summit. Gatt is going to affect the lives of all Scottish farmers and crofters."

The Keep our Scottish Battalions pressure group has bagged the best place to hold its demonstration -Princes Street gardens on Friday morning. "We've been accused of being unpatriotic for having an event like this at such an important time, but the Scottish battalions are the most patriotic people in Britain. We have just become desperate," Charlie Laidlaw, the organiser says. "If you look at the problems in Somalia and Yugoslavia it is obvious that the infantry in Britain can still play a vital role in peace keeping. We have had messages of support from people in France and the similands who remember what we did in the second world war. The politicians in London just don't understand." And is it merely coincidence that

Edinburgh University is holding a three day poverty summit this weekend? The Labour party is fielding half a dozen of its MPs and MEPs. David Steel will represent the Liberal Democrats and Winnie Ewing the SNP, but Conservative politicians appear to have boycotted

This has not deterred the organisers. They are hoping to issue a blue-print for fighting poverty and stimulating employment in the EC which they expect to spring on M Delors at the drinks party after he is given his honorary

degree.
"This is an opportune time to air some of the issues the EC is not addressing - the social issues," says Dr Ann Fink, one of the organisers. "The latest EC statistics show that Britain is one of the poorest countries in Europe, so Edinburgh is the perfect place to initiate the debate.

ven if delegates never leave their lairs they will not fail to notice the Scotch Whisky — On the Rocks campaign. Scotch sales in Britain are declining by 12 million bottles a year and employment in the industry has fallen by 40 per cent in the past decade. In an attempt to whet the delegates' appentes half à dozen miniature. bottles are being delivered to each of them. "The EC excise rate agreement discriminates against Scotch whisky by insisting on minimum rates for spirits of 550 ecus per 100 litres compared with nothing for wine," says the cam-paign organiser, Amanda Riddle. "And the government continues to tax whisky, per alcoholic unit, at twice the rate of wine."

Scotland Friends of the Earth have a longer shopping list. They are organising an alternative summit on "Our Future Environment", which Maneka Gandhi, the environmental campaigner, will address. "Scotland faces environmental pressures from tourism, water pollution and contaminated land. We want the EC to set standards and stick to them," says the director, Kevin Dunion. "We tried to test air pollution in Edinburgh by sticking quality testing tubes on lamp-posts but the police mistook them for bugging devices

and took them all down." The Scots may be aggrieved but most of them would be prepared to point out to delegates the best place to do a little Christmas shopping. The EC Unwelcoming Committee is the exception. "It's your slump, we won't pay is the monto of a collection of groups which includes the Revolutionary Communist Party. The organiser, Kirsten Cale, says: "The Kohls and Majors of this world aren't working. We want a new mandate. There should be total abandonment of all immigration controls in fortress Europe and immigrants should not be made the scapegoats for other peoples' unemployment." The group has already wrapped Wellington's monument in barbed wire and is holding a torchlit procession on Friday which the police are making sure will go nowhere near the

Edinburgh is already packed with Scots who have come to join in the festivities. The summit information office in Edinburgh has been inundated with requests for lists of events from foreign journalists and there is always the chance that a head-of-state might put his toe out of the castle and test the feelings of these European citizens.

On announcing the site of the summit, Mr Major said: "I believe that Edinburgh is an ideal place for us to meet at this important stage in the European Community's development." The summit looks increasingly unlikely to be a landmark in the development of the European Community but it should provide Edinburgh with the international recognition it craves.

# Graduates of the last chance saloon

Drink-driving offenders are to have the chance of

voluntary rehabilitation — but does the cure work?

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showing of a anti-drink considered so shocking it must be shown after 9pm follows closely a government anfor dealing with drink-drivers. The advertisement depicts the body of a young girl after an

Now a series of 22 experimental rehabilitation courses is to be introduced at centres around the country. If they complete the course, offenders stand a chance of having their period of disqualification re-duced by up to a quarter.

The three-year venture de-velops work begun for offend-

ers on probation in Hampshire by John Cook, whose firm will be one of those offering the voluntary rehabilitation course.

Mr Cook's present course is divided into eight sessions. He always begins by guarantee-ing that those who complete the course will find they have enjoyed it. "When I tell them that in week one, they look at me as if I'm daft," he says.
"But by week eight, they all

The now-traditional public humiliation ritual, beloved of



self-help groups, makes an appearance. "During the course each member is required to undergo publicly an offence examination reliving the drink-drive offence and their behaviour during the course of that day and the previous evening." Mr Cook

Mostly the emphasis is on giving information — and attempting to dispel the many myths that circulate about drinking: "A pint of beer is equal in strength to a measure of spirit" (it's not - a half pint is closer in strength); "a cold shower or a night's sleep are enough to sober you up (they're not — only time, and the action of the liver can do that); "I'm a better driver when I've had a few drinks"; "you can drink yourself sober";

and so on.

A further myth is that younger drivers tend to be more irresponsible. In fact, they are more responsive to advertising against drink-driving, possibly because they know that they

are more likely to be targeted by the police. It is often the middle-aged driver in his business suit and smart car who is

most likely to offend. Offenders watch a video in which a doctor tells them, "We abandoned resuscitation on this young man 20 minutes ago", as he pulls back a sheet to reveal the naked body of a

20-year-old drink-driver. Mr Cook admits that until now it has been difficult to prove the course's effectiveness. partly because it is expensive to follow up "graduates" in a systematic way. One anomaly which may need to be addressed is the question of payment for the course. Local organisers are free to set fee levels within a recommended range of £50 to £200. But those on probation have until now been attending the course for nothing. The implication is that if you offend badly enough, or often enough, you won't have to pay.

CALLUM MURRAY

# GERMANY ORGANISED DRIVE AGAINST OFFENDERS

German authorities have long prided themselves on successful rehabilitation of drink-drivers. A series of programmes, developed over more than a decade, has helped reduce the number of repeat drink-drive

offenders from 17.7 per cent to 13.5 per cent.
The calls for such a programme followed the well-documented carnage on German auto-balms — a result of motorway speed limits which are practically non-existent in western Germany, and rarely enforced in the east.

The programmes are tailored to the type of offence and the driving history of the offender. The "mildest" programmes involve first-time offenders, run for two to three weeks and involve four to six sessions. Students are shown videotapes of accident scenes, reminded of existing traffic laws and alcohol consumption laws. The second group of first-time offenders, involving six to ten people, meets over several weeks but can include therapy up to and even

The third group, taking three weeks, is involved in intensive medical and psychological evaluations as well as therapy. The fourth, and most comprehensive group, is known by the acronym IRAK (Individual Psychological Pehabilitation for Aleskol-Impaired Drivers) Rehabilitation for Alcohol-Impaired Drivers).
The three to six-week course is highly intensive and geared to the highest risk offender who is likely to repeat the offence.

To enter any of these programmes the offender must apply then be approved by the relevant driving authorities. If the course is successfully completed then the suspension can be cut by up to 10-15 per cent. The programmes for repeat offenders are more stringent, lasting up to two years.

Authorities say the programme has been a success, and hope that a special parliamentary group will be able to persuade legislators that it should be written into law.

JOHN HOLLAND

## DEATHE WAYS TO STALL DRINKERS

n America, where someone is caught drinkdriving every 23 minutes, the penalties are becoming stricter and more ingenious. Special numberplates can mark constant offenders. written tests single out problem drinkers, and in 28 states offenders' cars carry a machine that prevents the engine from starting if it sniffs alcohol is detected on the driver's breath. America's law on drink-driving varies by state, although most people convicted of driving under the influence can be sent on a

rehabilitation programme. Since drink-drivers are often repeat-offenders, many states tackle the cause: alcoholism. Some states claim prison sentences are not as effective as forced attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous. In Florida, the court insists each drink-driver takes a psychological test and completes a treatment programme. However, taking away the licence is problematic in rural areas with little public transport. Georgia

authorises confiscation of repeat-offenders' cars, and other states impound or clamp

Laws are becoming draconian. In Iowa, a

law has introduced special licence plates which start with the letter "Z" for third-time offenders, so the police can stop the drivers at any time for a Breathalyser test. In a few states, nightclub owners can be liable if a drunk customer causes an accident.

American law generally allows a higher blood-alcohol level than Britain — 0.10 per cent: or six drinks in two hours.

For offences other than drink-driving, American drivers can often avoid the courts by attending traffic safety school. In California. 4,000 people attend traffic schools daily, and the eight-hour course means drivers avoid penalty points on their licences.

California's 450 traffic schools include

gournet-cooking traffic school, improvisation traffic school, and special sessions for singles and gays. The school inspectors claim that making the safety message palatable in this way keeps the drivers' attention. Certainly those attending the traffic schools are less likely to reoffend.

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# Broken arm? Fingers crossed

Startling faults are coming to light in hospital emergency departments. Peter Kingston reports on the

dangers that follow accidents

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s the accident season. also known as Christmas, gets ever closer, one more cosy illusion about life in Britain has taken a knocking. Most citizens still believe that, rich or poor, if they suffer a serious injury and reach hospital alive, they automatically become a priority case. They expect the best treatment available.

It would not be countenanced that they could be shunted into a waiting room and left for hours in various states of consciousness until a spare trainee doctor is available with a gap in the routine

Yet the myth that the British can rely on life-saving treatment when it really matters has been debunked in a threeyear study by the British Orthopaedic Association (BOA). The Management of Skeletal Trauma in the United Kingdom. The report's most shocking statistic is that of 900,000 fracture cases treated annually, an estimated

12 per cent — 108,000 people — are left with serious disabilities which could have been avoided.

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The report reveals a haphazard distribution of trauma units around the country. Those hos-pitals designated as trauma centres often lack the equipment and levels of specialist staff to provide the latest techniques. Barely

half the existing centres have That compares with 1:20,000 CT scanners, essentials for head injuries, and 6 per cent do not even have intensive care

facilities.
As Senior Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeon to Notting-ham University Hospital. Christopher Colton is the man who fixed up the Prince of Wales's polo-damaged elbow, and who treated the victims of the Kegworth air crash. According to Mr Colton, govern-ments have long known about the woeful deficiencies in trauma treatment across the country — the Department of Health is at present funding a national audit to assess the standards of treatment at 70 trauma centres - but have repeatedly ignored reports, at least one of which was com-

missioned by the department. Four years ago, a Royal College of Surgeons study of 1,000 trauma deaths showed that one-fifth could have been prevented. "There was great brouhaha for 24 hours, pictures of ambulances going all over the place and people dying in resuscitation rooms. with the politicians saying. 'Something must be done'." says Mr Colton, who is vice-president-elect of the BOA.

Called to give evidence to the standing committee on social services following the 1988 report, Mr Colton put the problem in government-friendly terms. "I put to them that the purpose of resuscitation and trauma care is to return the victim to tax-paying

Following that report's recommendations, the govern-ment agreed to put funding towards a specialist trauma centre to serve two million people in Stoke-on-Trent. To date, the Stoke pilot scheme remains the only one of its type

LOVERS already alerted to the dangers

of Hepatitis B and HIV had their

confidence in their sexual partners further undermined last week when they read that Hepatitis C was now affecting between one in 1,000 and one

in 3,000 of the population and up to 300,000 people in Britain could have the virus. The alarming news was that

the virus could be spread by body fluids

- the health educator's term covering

Hepatitis means inflammation of the

liver. As with Hepatitis C, it can be the

result of viral infection, or it can be

caused by a wide variety of drugs, in

which alcohol is the most common, and

the toxins from toadstools the least.

Usually the liver recovers but occasional-

ly it leads to long term chronic

■ Pathologists — the masterminds be-

hind the battle against infectious dis-

eases - have isolated five forms of viral

hepatitis: A. B. C. D. E. Other viruses

ranging from the extremely common

Epstein Barr (glandular fever) through

Weil's Disease (leptospirosis) to Lassa Fever also present with hepatitis.

All forms of hepatitis start as flu-like

illnesses, complicated by abdominal

pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and an abhorrence of food. Three to ten days

later the patient may start to turn yellow.

Hepatitis A is the common form of

viral hepatitis. Travellers to parts of the

world where drains are inadequate, and

inflammation and later cirrhosis.

blood, semen and vaginal discharge.

in the United Kingdom. The government's commitment to reduce waiting lists has put further obstacles in the way of trauma treatment, according to Mr Colton, particularly in hospitals without operating theatres dedicated to trauma surgery. A third of the 266 hospitals examined by the BOA during its study fell into

this category.

Trauma has to take its place beside elective work With the government telling hospitals to get waiting lists down, what do they do? They put their total hip replacements in during the day. So when does the trauma get done? It's stacked up and done at night by junior people."

After the 1988 report was published, the BOA decided to find out how many people were suffering serious perma-nent handicaps from trauma which could have been prevented if resources allowed. The report found that although orthopaedic and trauma technology has been vastly

improved since the days of plaster and traction, the NHS has failed to keep up in infrastructure, staffing and equipment. port used the dis-

orthopaedic surgeons among the population as an indicator. In England and Wales, the ratio of orthopaedic surgeons to population is 1:66,000; in Scotland, 1:49,000.

in Sweden and the United States. The health department says that the number of doctors and consultants specialising in trauma has increased over the past ten years from 140 to 300. According to the report, few

British orthopaedic consultants have developed expertise in trauma, which has increasingly become a distinct discinline as techniques of treating fractures have become more sophisticated. A properlyequipped trauma unit the report suggests, needs its own operating theatre, 24-hour radiography in theatre and a full range of fixation devices. Refresher courses are essential for all surgeons in the rapidlydeveloping field of fracture

Mr Colton also fears that the orthopaedic service's ability to cope is threatened by the continuing rise in the number of injuries, whether from road accidents or falls by the ex-

panding elderly population.

After a decade of what they see as ministerial lecturing about efficient use of finite resources, the medics are tackling the politicians on their home ground. "Good trauma care must be seen as an investment. Take the case of a young mother on her way to the shops, or a young man on his way to work, or a child going to school, who is injured and ends up half an hour later in an accient and emergency unit

"They are the finest biological material that any trauma surgeon can get their hands on, but what happens to them? They are seen by an inexperi-

enced house officer.

And yet these people are our national asset. If you take a family which is a net tax



Christopher Colton, who treated the elbow of the Prince of Wales, above, wants more investment for trauma management

long period of time because you have killed or maimed the bread-winner or home-maker, or you cause the death or permanent disability of a child, it becomes incalculably

Properly resourced trauma management is an investment in a national asset and is very good value for money."

roper trauma treat-ment would include two great advances currently not univer-sally available in the United Kingdom's network of accident units: "aggressive" surgical management of the multiple-injured as soon as they reach hospital, and the latest techniques in joint frac-tures. In Mr Colton's experience, the prevailing treatment of serious fractures around the kne, for example, very rarely permits a person to get back to heavy physical work.

"Initial management deci-sion is the major determinant of outcome after injury but there are still many centres in this country where that message has not been embraced, for two main reasons. "One, senior people are not

contributor and you convert it available to make these imporinto a net tax consumer for a tant clinical management decisions at the sharp end. Two, the profession has been forced. to make choices to churn away at waiting lists."

Many elderly people with fractures are waiting two to three days for surgery. The commission for enquiry into perioperative death recommended that even fractures of the neck or the femur, a common injury among the old, should be dealt with

within 24 hours. According to Mr Colton, every health region should also have a professor of trapma. At present, there are only two such chairs in the whole of the United Kingdom. The disincentive for orthopaedic surgeons to specialise in trauma is considerable. Trauma happens at night and at weekends, and by nature of-fers practitioners little opportu-

nity to pick up private work. "These are people whose job is to do trauma surgery and to teach it, to spearhead research into trauma surgery, raise standards and awareness. We aren't going to solve this problem tomorrow but we've got to have a ten-year plan to pull Britain out of this

Hepatitis virus alert

hands after visiting the lavatory, are most at risk; but poor hygiene also occurs in Britain. Protection is provided by a course of injections of Havrix which supersedes gamma-globulin injections. Protection with Havrix is vital for venturesome travellers. Hepatitis E occurs in the same areas, and like Hepatitis A doesn't give rise to chronic ill health.

■ In the developed world, Hepaticis B is no longer spread by transfusions, as it has been possible to detect it in blood for many years. Injections against Hepatitis B have been available for the protection of risk groups for several years. The usual source of the virus is "body fluids": semen, vaginal fluid, or contaminated blood. At particular risk are drug addicts, who use others' blood-stained needles, or those who look after children whose blood is Hepatitis B positive, or adults who are either aggressive or mentally retarded. Doctors and nurses are also endangered by normal medical procedures. The virus is common worth where diams do not wash their among homosexuals and prostitutes. In

the underdeveloped world it is caught during infancy. Hepatitis D occurs only in association with Hepatitis B: and Hepatins B and D often cause chronic infection, particularly if caught in

■ In the past, hepatitis was spread by blood: either by transfusion or the dirty needles of addicts. Pathologists have now introduced tests for Hepatitis C, and blood transfusion is no longer a danger. It has not been proved that Hepatitis C is spread by semen and vaginal fluids, but this remains a strong possibility, particularly in its acute phase. Fortunately, now that the risk of infection with Hepaticis C from transfusion has been removed, the number of new cases will fall. Meanwhile, the cautious may like to include in their mating ritual questions about their loved one's past surgical experiences; or better still, take the gastro-enterologists' official advice and avoid casual contacts; or use a condom.

■ Chronic hepatitis resulting from Hepatitis C can be treated with alpha and beta interferon, but the side effects are unpleasant and the relapse rate high. Other anti-viral agents are undergoing trials. Interferon has little or no effect on Hepatitis B. Patients with Hepatitis A and E recover spontaneously after a few weeks' rest, and diet can be left to them to select. Doctors do

however advise abstinence from alcohol. THOMAS STUTTAFORD

# Led by the know-alls

Recently, John Major has been criticised for appearing indecisive. Baroness Thatcher, his predecessor at Number Ten, was criticised for being overbearing. Neither seems to have got it right. Do people want a democratically persuasive leader, or do they prefer a dictatorial person? Many of the factors governing our choice of leader seem to be emotional rather than rational.

As so many decisions are taken by committees and depend upon consensus, it may appear surprising that we still regard the leader as so important. Democracy implies that we should diminish inequalities of privilege and power as far as possible; but our democratic aspirations are to some extent contradicted by a biological need to establish a

status order in society.

Animals which live in groups tend to establish hierarchies. This is biologically adaptive in at least two ways. Within the group itself, hierarchies diminish strife. If B is habitually submissive to A because the dominance of A has previously been estab-lished, fights between A and B

become less likely.
In the case of wide-ranging groups which may be threatened by predators, it is advan-tageous that the group should act as one by responding to the lead of dominant individuals. Anyone who has seen films of animal behaviour will be familiar with the fact that the lion picks on the straggler rather than risk plunging into the midst of the group.

In man, as in other social animals, obedience to authority is adaptive and therefore, to some degree, built into us. Social life would be impossible if there was no system of authority and no general tendency to obey it. However, whether we choose a dominant leader or a persuasive one partly depends upon circumstances.

In the second world war Britain turned to the highly dominant Winston Churchill. When peace supervened, the voters favoured the more persuasive Clement Attlee. In general, the greater the threat, the greater the tendency to choose an aggressive, dominant personality.

If a society is three leader chosen may be some- know that they are right.



ANTHONY STORR

one who is not only dominant but pathologically aggressive. Such leaders invariably create scapegoats who can be blamed and persecuted. Hitler is the obvious example of such a leader, but there are many

It has often been remarked that politicians are initially self-selected. They do not have to pass examinations in politics or sociology or show any other evidence of ability. All that is required is an irrational confidence that they know best, together with a particular technique of public speaking. This consists of repeating clichés emphatically, as if they were newly discovered truths of the utmost significance.

n time, most politicians become so patronising and self-important that they cannot engage in ordinary social conversation and tend to dominate the room. This tendency has been made worse by television. Politicians learn that dominating an interviewer so that he or she is unable to ask any questions is the best way to avoid the emergence of anything discreditable.

Many people find dogmatic certainty seductive, and like to hand over decision-making responsibility to authority. The danger is that those who most convincingly put across the idea that they know best are not necessarily those who do.

One of Anthony Trollope's novels is called He Knew He

Was Right. It tells of a husband who wrongly suspects his wife of infidelity, but is too dogmatic to allow his judg-ment to be questioned. He finally declines into insanity. with complete collapse, the to beware of those who also

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#### So why was I randomly left out by the exciting survey of sexual lifestyles?

I here is a terrible nightmare I keep having. In it, I answer the door one morning, and a nice, bespectacled woman in a smart suit tells me she is from the National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles, and that I have been randomly selected to answer a large book-sized list of questions. Oh, I say, all right, if you're sure it's not personal. And she says, don't worry, keep calm, nothing of the sort. So she comes in and sits down and then she says, handing me a card to read, "Please look at this list and tell me which of . these you have used." And I swallow hard and look at the list and it says, "Bourbons, Garibaldis, Custard Creams, Nice, Digestives, chocolatecovered Hobnobs."

Now naturally I don't know what to do. These are biscuits, surely. To add to my confusion, the scene has changed and we are now sitting beside the pool in Eldorado. But it would be wrong to mask the terrible truth, so I'm afraid I blurt it out. "All of them!" I yell. It is a difficult moment, but since the interviewer has been trained not to betray surprise, she merely makes a few rapid circles with red pen, just shaking her head slightly. She pauses, however, when she reachesthe bottom of the page. "You're quite sure about the Hobnobs?" she ventures, gently. At which point I wake up screaming.

That is the great trouble with sex surveys such as the one whose first findings were published last week. Nineteen thousand randomly selected people allegedly took part in it, a huge sample by all accounts. Yet if there is the odd pocket of unease, simple arithmetic tells us that at least 50 million other people were randomly left out, some of whom are now actively wondering what the hell is wrong with them. The sense of rejection touches a raw nerve. What do they mean, "random", for heaven's sake? Are you saying I'm not random? Take off those glasses and say that. No wonder I take refuge in anxiety dreams in which sex turns out to be tied in with McVities.

Personally, moreover, I have every reason to sulk. Working at home all day I am prime survey fodder, and am forever popping to the door to help out statisticians in such mundane matters as brand awareness and washing machine ownership. Yet this blasted sex survey - a big muscly questionnaire which one might, metaphorically speaking, have sunk one's nails into - just passed over, didn't it, as though the door had a chalk mark. Not for the first time, I feel I have missed the action. If only someone who did take part in the survey would step forward and say it was actually an empty, unsatisfying experience. It might help.

ut perhaps they are quiet because they felt slightly guilty afterwards -- you know, about doing it. It is a quite common reaction. Some three years ago, I opened the door one day and discovered to my great delight that I had been randomly selected by the famous BBC audience research. I could hardly contain myself. This was almost as good as sex, if you will pardon the expression. But what they wanted to know was this: what radio had I heard that week? Damn, I would have to hold back. Regretfully I explained that by a strange, nay devastating coincidence I was currently a radio critic, and had consequently heard on tape a far larger number of programmes than was normal, desirable or even technically feasible. My listening was not representative, therefore, not even of my own taste. "But thanks for asking." I said, glumly.

What alarms me in retrospect was the way my qualms were swept aside. Come on, they said. Live a little. Whoever expected me to be "representative"? It was quite sufficient that I was

-- random. So I don't know what came over me, but I said "yes" to everything, and thought, "If this is being random, lead me to it." But afterwards - well, you know the story. I closed the door behind them, felt a bit surprised at myself. ate a lot of biscuits, and waited for them to phone. The usual thing. My only consolation in this sad little episode is that inadvertently i may have given some broken down producer at Broadcasting House the unexpected will to

# The Warner report has exposed the degradation of Britain's children's homes, writes Janet Daley

after another gives rise to one official enquiry after another which duly gives forth one solemn report after another the Leeways report of 1985, the "pindown" inquiry report of 1990, the Ty Mawr. Community Homes Inquiry of 1992. Now the Warner report on residential child care adds one more to the depressing list. This is not, for the most part. all of which have generated recommendations that, as the Warner authors despairingly

have seemed like an exercise in What on earth is going on in these homes which are intended for children who are, in that most compassionate of legal phrases, "in need of care and protection"? The first thing to be noted is that children's homes are not the refuges for waifs and orphans which persist in public imagination. They do not exist for Dickensian urchins or the abandoned offspring of the blameless poor - latter-day reincarnations of Oliver Twist or the wretched innocents of Dotheboys Hall.

admit, have yet to be acted

upon. Adding another weighty document to that futile pile must

Children's residential care homes house few children (who can usually be fostered with private families) and are almost entirely filled with adolescents who are "children" in the strict legal sense only. They do not so Home truths for carers

much "care" for their inmates as confine them in conditions which are designed to prevent disorder. They are "homes" in only the most degraded sense of

a matter of looking after child-ren who do not have homes of their own for some unhappy but benign reason. As Warner ac-knowledges, it is a case of supervising some of the most difficult young people in the country. The catalogue of maladjustment and social aberration would be daunting to the most conscientious: the sexually abused: the violent: the abusers of substances, of self and of other children; the self-mutilating, and the catch-all category of "behaviourally disturbed" which may include all manner of distressing and destructive acts. Who, apart from the saintly, the wildly idealistic, or those with suspect intentions. would choose to live with such cases? What is surprising is not that we have occasional scandals but that all of these homes are not permanently riddled with criminal exploitation.

To create sin bins into which the most intractable social problems may be dumped without



Asking for more: today's waifs are delinquent outcasts

even discriminating between child victims and child perpetrators, is to invite incurable mismanagement. How could anyone not see that this was a recipe for disaster: isolating an explosive mixture of young people who may have been corrupted by sexual predators or preyed upon by violent parents the backward and sociopathic casualties of society's fringe and locking in with them, the temporarily displaced or the

genuinely naive. Was there a serious hope of finding a large number of wholesome and sincere staff to preside over this

The sort of people who are attracted to this work have a variety of reasons, some of which are admirable and some sinister. Sorting the one from the other was never going to be an easy task, particularly as those drawn by malign motives

There can be few lifestyles so well-practised in deception and concealment as that of the paedophile — one of the few minority sexual tastes as yet unrehabilitated by the politically correct. The case of Frank Beck which provoked this latest report seems, with afterthought, to have been an almost inevitable consequence of gathering under one roof so many easy prey for the pederast.

Less easily definable than the determined sex abusers, are the simply power-hungry who may deceive themselves about their true interests. Both the secret sadist and the frustrated social engineer may find a haven here, the first to terrorise, the second to experiment with untried theories of psychological control like "pindown". The function of such homes is now a confused muddle of care, control and restriction, and this miasma of unclear objectives is, as so many reports have made relentlessly clear, largely left to fester without regular inspection or clear

What has come under specific suspicion in this doomed cycle is the apparent negligence with which staff are assessed for such

who come forward are few and self-selecting — social services departments find residential child care posts enormously difficult to fill - the criteria for appropriateness in candidates would be a gospel of perfection at the best of times. But even given the hard-pressed reality, the role of ideology in this is

worth examining. There has been a deliberate policy on the part of social services departments to be equal opportunity employers in the most extreme sense. Which is to say that not only should race, gender and sexual orientation not be a bar to appointment but neither should what is called non-relevant" criminal history.

Particularly in the fields of juvenile social work, there has been a move to recruit people from minority and underprivileged backgrounds who may have suffered themselves from mistreatment or neglect as children, and who could be relied on not to pressure alienated adolescents into middle-class conformity. At some point, the desire to install people who could share some of their charges' experience became an unwillingness to question the personal histories and the real motives of those who offered themseives. And so a social service already disfavoured and demoralised was pulled into the

# Will India fall to the zealots?

ndia's history as a secular state appears to be coming Ayodhya had been a symbol of that state. It was an appropiately ambiguous and ironic symbol, for the state had been unable to keep it open as a place of Muslim worship. It had been descrated by the presence within it of Hindu religious arrefacts, regarded by Muslims as idols, turning it from a holy place into an unclean one. The holy mob that destroyed it over the weekend piously removed the sacred objects of their own religion, before destroying the structure that had been sacred to another religion.

Desecrated though it was, the

mere continued structural existence of what had once been a mosque at Ayodhya (the sup-posed birthplace of the god Ram) was a minimal symbol of secular authority resistant to Hindu zealotry. Now that symbol has been destroyed, and that authority is shaken to its foundation.

More of the same, and perhaps worse, can be expected. Zealots are emulous people and Hindus in other parts of India can be expected to emulate and Ayodha. "Surpassing" in the relevant eyes, would mean the destruction of a real, live mosque, along with some of theworshippers. And in many other parts of India, as in Ayodhya, there are mosques on the sites of Hindu holy places.

The government in Delhi will do its best to protect Muslim lives, property and religious rights. How good its best will be has yet to be seen. Its initial response is appropriately secular. It has dismissed the government of Uttar Pradesh, where the incident occurred. Uttar Pradesh failed ignominiously to the incident occurred to the incident occurred. fulfil its promise to protect the former mosque, and its police are reported to have been clearly sympathetic to the rioters. Uttar Pradesh is now declared to be ina state of emergency. But the reality now is that it is India itself which is in a state of

The prime minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao, said on television: "We will go to any extent to preserve and protect secularism and the democratic creden-tials of our nation." I have no in Uttar Pradesh, India's largest

Western secular values cannot last, predicts Conor Cruise O'Brien



Legacy of the Raj: since independence India has been a model of democracy and tolerance for the developing world

doubt that he means what he says. But the very terms he uses have become tragically fragile and unreliable. "Secularism" and "democracy" appear to be approaching a parting of the ways in India. The BJP — the party of the Hindu zealots - is already the official Opposition in Delhi, and formed - until dismissed this weekend by Del-

state. It may not be long before the BJP becomes the govern-ment of India. India will then cease to be a secular state and "our nation" will be the Hindu

· Pending that outcome, which now appears inevitable, the government in Delhi will continue to adhere to the secular values of the founders of Congress. In present circumstances the test of commitment to

secular values is the protection. of Muslims against Hindu aggression. The government sincerely wishes to extend such protection. But has it the means of doing so, if outbreaks like that at Ayodhya become general? There were 200,000 people in the mob of zealots that assembled at Ayodhya, and only 500 ... police. No doubt the govern-

ence in other places where rioters may assemble. But even so, how reliable will that presence be, once Hindu religious feeling is strongly aroused? India is 80 per cent Hindu, and the proportion in the security forces has to be roughly of that

Suppose that, as at Ayodhya, a crowd assembled at some ment in Delhi can ensure a other place reputed as holy to

pied by a mosque. Suppose a crowd assembles for the purpose of liberating and resacralising their holy place. Suppose they are ordered to disperse, refuse and advance threateningly. Suppose the order is given to fire. Indian soldiers have fired on Hindu mobs before, but rarely. But Hindu religiouspolitical feeling has become more and more excited over the past five years. If there were repeated orders to Hindu soldiers to fire on Hindu crowds attempting to liberate Hindu holy places, could the discipline of the Indian security forces be maintained?

I do not know the answer to that, but I can imagine that the chiefs of the security forces are at present advising the government in Delhi to take it a bit easy on the defence of secular values, and mosques. And even if the government rejects that advice, the leaders of the security forces might themselves interpret their instructions restrictively. So the zealots have got a lot going for them, after their intoxicating triumph at Ayodhya.

he India that is now be an uncomfortable place for many of its present inhabitants. Muslims with the means to do so are probably thinking of leaving for Pakistan. But it is not only Muslims. Educated Hindus. imbued with values we regard as Western, must be desperately worried about the present trend. Hinduism and secularism are not commensurate forces in India: in any sustained confrontation between them Hinduism is going to win.
Life in a BJP-dominated In-

dia is an intolerable prospect for Western-educated Indians, including Hindus. But where have the Hindus to go? For them there is no equivalent to Pakistan. A few of the most brilliant will be accepted in America, some others in South Africa. Most are probably trapped in an increasingly intolerant India, with no consolation except in the historical truth that fanatics tend to get tired, or be corrupted, after a while. But the next ten or 15 years seem likely to be bleak, for all but the

# No more toasters, please

THE PRINCESS ROYAL is bracing herself for a flood of matching bathroom sets, kitchen scales and hand-knitted tea cosies. Buckingharn Palace has yet to issue its guidelines on presents for a second royal wedding, but the gifts are already weighing down the palace postman.

First time round the Princess received 2,000 of them, including six bottles of beer, a pair of white tights and a tin of talc from Woolworths. They eventually went on public show in the state apartments of St James's Palace.

This time heads of state, in the absence of official guidance, are deciding for themselves. The Americans were among the most generous in 1973, when President Nixon sent four glass and gold candlesticks and a crystal bowl supported by four eagles. This time they are saving their money. A spokeswoman for the US embassy in London said: "As it is a private wedding, and not a state marriage, we will not be sending anything." Most embassies in London seemed to be taking the same view.

Ingrid Seward, editor of Majesty magazine, says Princess Anne is unlikely to want any fuss. "The

presents will come particularly from those who want to curry favour. But there will be no public show. Most gifts will come from the Queen's ordinary subjects, especially those who think she has had an awful year".

Princess Anne was prepared for married life first time round with three copies of the Oxford Dictio-nary of Quotations. 59 assorted silver statuettes of horses and soldiers and enough brasses and prints to cover the walls of her first sitting room from floor to ceiling. Prince and Princess Georg of Hanover sent an ice bucket and Princess Margaretha sent eight dozen coathangers. There was also a vast canvas of the calamitous wedding between the Prince of Wales, later George IV, and Prin-

cess Caroline. Lord and Lady Longford, who sent a set of their collected works in 1973, have also decided against giving this time. Lady Longford says: "As it is a private wedding one does not do that sort of thing. She is sensible to have gone for a private affair. The last thing she would want to do on her honeymoon is to fight her way through another 2,000 presents."



#### Norman's wisdom

LORD Tebbit was in optimistic mood at the Businessman of the Year lunch at the Savoy yesterday, when his old friend Lord King of Wartnaby was awarded the title for 1992. Far from reflecting the gloom which has recently envel-oped fellow Tories, Tebbit, the guest speaker, listed the lucky breaks of 1992.

"First we had the lucky break of the election," said Tebbit, who confided that he was never in doubt about the outcome. "I always knew Labour could out-lose the Conservatives". Then there was "Bright Wednesday" when we fell out of the extended recession mechanism and the Chancellor sang in the bath instead of whistling in the

Britain could also be thankful for

help from abroad, "especially from the Danes". Despite the large num-ber of Europhiles present at the lunch the speech went down well, especially with the cigar-puffing Kenneth Baker, who applauded

 Viewers of Newsroom South-East, the BBC's regional television news programme transmitted to London and the surrounding area. were puzzled by the cheesy grin they received from the presenter Guy Michelmore at the beginning and the end of last night's programme. He was not especially delighted by the new revamped format, nor did he find the news particularly funny. The reason for the smile is that Michelmore, son of Cliff, is a com-poser in his spare time and has written the new signature tune. Each time it is played he receives a handsome royalty.

#### Summit extra

HOLYROOD HOUSE, the royal palace, which witnessed the death of the Italian arch-plotter Rizzio, has been given more than just a plain lick of paint for the forthcoming summit in Edinburgh. As European heads of state gather in the Athens of the North this weekend they will doubtless be unaware of the extraordinary lengths to





 Colleagues of the Waldegraves fear they may be working too hard. The family is busy making its own decorations, the Christmas card list is on computer and the Waldegraves keep a "present" book to monitor their gifts. Of her husband, Caroline says: "He gets even more excited than I do." How about a Citizen's Charter efficiency award?

which the inner furnishings at Holyrood have been altered to accommodate their arrival.

An inner piazza with 36 glazed archways will form the central meeting point and has, it is believed, caught the eye of the Queen. who is apparently keen to prevent the piazza from being dismantled after the summit. In addition, Holyrood now boasts two levels of

translation booths, all carefully crafted in oak panelling, and a computer-aided system listing some 4,000 items which are part of

the new-look palace.
Six makeshift structures have been placed within the grounds for catering and for housing 200 of the staff. How much will be left behind when the Euro-troops move out? The Scottish Office refuses to answer, but now we know why the two-day jamboree is costing £15

When the Bediam Theatre Company from Edinburgh University decided to take its latest production, Grimm — The Travelling Tales, to Kiev it set out to raise the estimated £10.000 cost of the trip by making donations to Edinburgh's sperm bank Queues are forming outside the Medical Re-search Council Centre for Reproductive Biology, where the students are paid £10 for a first visit and £5 for subsequent trips. The company has high hopes of being in Russia for Christmas and to this end has roped in students from all over the

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# RACE AGAINST DEMONS

The Indian prime minister must not duck his greatest challenge

The destruction of the Ayodhya mosque by Hindu fanatics is the gravest challenge to Indian secularism since the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. Throughout the subcontinent fanaticism and communal violence, inflamed by rumour, have been growing. The potential cost in human life and destruction is immense. Many Muslims fear that their religion is under attack as never before. Outside India, Muslim outrage threatens the tense relations between India and its neighbours.

The potential for disaster is still only a potential. India has experienced several waves of violence over the past three years after the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, following a government decision to enact measures to reserve job quotas for lower castes, and in all the agitation by the Bharatiya Janata Party over the Ayodhya mosque. Yet despite some 2,500 deaths, widespread rioting has never yet spilled over into communal war. Ordinary Indians have drawn back from the extremism that threatens India's otherwise remarkable material development.

The country's politicians have shown less restraint. A huge burden of blame now rests on the BJP, the fundamentalist Hindu movement that has cyncially exploited the wave of religious and historical feeling to boost its strength in the Lok Sabha to become the second largest party. Lal Krishan Advani, the party leader, has resigned in disgrace, and the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh has been dissolved.

But friends of India must demand more. The party must be pressed now to renounce the narrow sectarianism that has undermined the foundations of India's existence as a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural secular democracy. Perhaps the physical destruction of the mosque will now drain the party of a cause. The government must prevent the creation of a new focus for fanaticism.

A bigger and more urgent responsibility rests with P. V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister. The actions he takes in the next day or two will determine whether India again pulls back from the brink, or whether his government will lose both the confidence of the tense population and its control in the streets. Already he has set up a crisis committee to dampen communal violence. Now this uncharismatic politician, who has shown himself more steely than expected, especially over economic reform, must enforce his authority. Troops are needed in force at numerous potential trouble spots; while avoiding mass carnage at Ayodhya, they must, as soon as possible, evict the massed militants, cordon off the area and remain in control indefinitely.

Mr Narasimha Rao must also show statesmanship in his dealing with India's Muslim neighbours. By coincidence he is to meet fellow leaders from six other members of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation at its annual summit in Dhaka later this week. Pakistan, already uttering righteous indignation to divert attention from the bitter dispute between the government and Benazir Bhutto, is sure to exploit India's tragedy. Bangladesh, though itself suffering protest riots, will try to play the peacemaker. It can do so, however, only if Muslim nations are convinced that the Indian government is making no con-

cessions to fanaticism. It is fortunate that most other Muslim countries know the situation is too dangerous for demagoguery; even Iran's spiritual leaders have appealed for calm. Mr Narasimha Rao has only a day or two to recapture the initiative: he is in a race with the demons of sectarian hatred.

## **REFERENDUM TIME**

Britons want a vote on Maastricht: they should be given it

Formidable evidence was presented yesterday that Britons resent the Maastricht treaty being decided over their heads. A major Gallup poll for BBC Regional Broadcasting found that 75 per cent wanted a referendum before the treaty is ratified. with only 16 per cent against. On the treaty itself, there were marginally more against than in favour, but the "don't knows" were more numerous than either.

Though a referendum has been taken ut as one of the causes célèbres of the Eurosceptics, it would be foolish to assume that the British people would necessarily sink the treaty. Indeed, the Liberal Democrats too support a referendum, and they are more fervently in favour of Maastricht than any other party in the House.

The best argument for a referendum is. however, one of principle rather than factional or party advantage. Maastricht presages a major constitutional change, irreversible through the normal channels of British democracy. Voters have not been consulted about this change; they had no chance to vote on it at the last general election. The question divides opponents on intra-party rather than inter-party lines. In the sense, therefore, that it is constitutional rather than political, it is a perfect subject for

a referendum. The government has tried by procedural means to prevent an amendment calling for a referendum being attached to the Maastricht bill currently in committee stage. By ensuring that the bill contains no money resolution, any amendment that called directly for a referendum, and thus the spending of public money, is disallowed. Of course, enactment of the Maastricht bill would cost money as soon as the treaty were

ratified, but the government can argue that this is only an indirect call on funds.

Nonetheless, William Cash, the most assiduous and intellectually creative of the Eurosceptics, believes he can get around the problem with an amendment that would indirectly bind the government to a referendum. If his amendment is accepted, the only remaining obstacle would be the Labour

Labour support would ensure that amendment would be carried. This time the Liberal Democrats would vote against the government, as they did not in the paving debate. Meanwhile Tories would be less chary of rebelling: a vote for a referendum could not be portrayed by the government as an act of treachery against John Major.

Labour argues that a referendum has been opposed by a conference resolution, the national executive committee and a majority of the shadow cabinet. True, but only because John Smith has been so set against it. The debate at conference was a pathetic affair. Many shadow cabinet members are still agnostic about a referendum, and could be swayed by the strength of feeling in the country.

Ratification of Maastricht is a question that cannot satisfactorily be resolved within the confines of the Palace of Westminster. Both party leaders fear a referendum not for honest reasons but because they are worried about of opening up splits within their own parties. It is precisely because Maastricht is not a party issue that a traditional vote with a three-line whip is so inappropriate. Politicians on both sides should step down from their normal party podiums and allow the country to make up its own mind on the treaty's ments.

# **HOUSEHOLD BANDS**

The Council Tax is apparently a soaring social success

The muted public reception for the Council Tax is doubtless a matter of some delight in the Department of the Environment. There have been a few protests, the occasional televised grumble, but not a riot in sight yet. Some householders are appealing that their tax is too high. But others, mirabile dictu. want to pay more.

Proverbially at any rate, an Englishman's home is supposed to be his castle. Except if it comes to paying local taxes on it, when he would prefer home to be classified as a humble little semi, overlooking the rent. In theory everybody should pay his or her property taxes with a smile. In practice, the local authorities usually demand cash.

Council offices in the home counties had braced themselves for complaints from those hoping to pay less tax by claiming that their properties had been overvalued. They have indeed received an outraged whinge of these. But they have also been besieged by indignant or plaintive home-owners declaring that their homes are worth more than the valuer has claimed, asking for their houses to be put into a higher valuation band and demanding the right to pay £100

more a year in tax. - These are not philanthropists who generously wish to pay more dues for the privilege of membership of a well-run local community, where the dustbin collection runs on time and without disrespectful backchat. Nor are they those who live in the higher bands where estate agents talk of mansions and castles. Most of them want to band-jump from band D (houses valued between £68,000 and £88,000) to band E (between £88,000 and £120,000). Their ambition to pay more council tax is mercenary. They hope that it will improve their chances of selling their houses in these hard times for the property market.

Foxy estate agents, who puff Wimbledon and Highgate as "villages" or Surbiton and Gerrard's Cross as the open countryside, are already using council tax banding, as well as school grading by exam results, as advertisements for the "highly des. location". In addition to pecuniary advantage, a high council tax band is becoming the status symbol of doing better than the Joneses. Some householders do it with gnomes in the garden, and others with peacocks in the park. Now there is the band.

New cars sell better in August for the outward and visible sign that their drivers are doing better than the neighbours. Insecure semi-suburbanites can already pay to have an inner London telephone number starting with 071, rather than the less "prestigious" 081. But something new is always appealing.

It is impossible to exaggerate the competitiveness of the English in these matters. In the Middle Ages kings had to pass sumptuary laws to restrain such hierarchical competition in showing off between ambitious citizens. The new urge to pay more rather than less council tax is a sign that the legislators have got it right for once. The poll tax was widely perceived as unacceptably unfair and unsnobbish; after all, it made a duke pay as much as a dustman.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Help for Bosnia: the case for Western intervention

From Sir Richard Luce, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham

Sir. Your issue of December 5 could not have put more sharply the stark choice with which the international community is faced in confronting the rash of localised conflicts and humanitarian tragedies around the world. Your editorial urges international military action to prevent another Balkan war. On the opposite page Simon Jenkins puts the case for non-intervention in local conflicts.

The time has now come for the Western world to develop a more coherent approach to these problems, in the light of the end of the Cold war. It is not easy to do this since every case history will differ and there will always be grey areas. But it is worth trying to divide most conflicts into categories from which it might be possible to

develop a consistent approach. First there is straight aggression by one country on another which poses a long-term threat to international peace (the Argentine invasion of the Falklands and the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait). This requires robust international action to recover the territory, since the evidence of the 1930s demonstrates that failure to do so poses a larger threat.

Second, there are civil wars within recognised national boundaries which threaten to overflow into neigh-bouring countries and endanger peace and stability in the area. This is now rapidly becoming the case in the former Yugoslavia and, if Kosovo and Macedonia become involved, could lead to another Balkan war. This is a threat to peace under chapter VII of the UN charter and requires judicious but firm measures by the international community to contain it, including military action if necessary.

Third, there are internal civil conflicts which lead to heavy loss of life and in all probability a grave humanitarian crisis. Clearly in these cases the problem of starvation will not be solved without a resolution of the internal conflict and the pursuit of sensible economic policies. Iraq, Somalia, the Sudan, Cambodia and Liberia are examples.

A precondition to peace and stability is inevitably dependent upon the will and determination of the parties to reconcile their differences. Without that, abuse of human rights and starvation will continue. Clearly in all these cases the countries of the region should play a leading role (as in Namiprovide the umbrella for international assistance and nations within Nato and the Commonwealth need to be ready to give their support. Each case has to be judged on its merits.

If we are not rational and careful we will be quickly caught up in some kind of new international imperialism. Going in is fine. Getting out is very difficult. It will be costly in money and lives. And our ministers have to ask themselves the questions: "What do I say to Mrs Smith if her son is killed in some distant part? To what end did he sacrifice his life?"

Purcell tercentenary

From Dr Peter Carey

Sir, Richard Morrison's article, "Orpheus calls, but Britain isn't listening' (November 24), heralds the admirably early start to celebrations of Henry Purcell's tercentenary in November 1995.

This aptly titled article cites the relative abundance of biographical works about Mozart, Beethoven and Berlioz available in British bookshops, compared to any on Purcell, as evidence for a lamentable lack of national regard for this fine com-

Any compatriots of those European masters enjoying the excellent series of Purcell concerts at the South Bank last weekend would have been more surprised to learn that not even all of Purcell's music is available in print in this country. Although the complete works were published by Novello earlier this century, many, including whole masterpieces such as The Ind-

ian Queen, are not currently printed. If, say, copies of works by Heinrich Schütz were not obtainable, it would rightly be regarded in Germany as a national disgrace. Britain will not be listening until the notes are available. Perhaps the new ministry of national heritage will help to ensure that they are, in time for the tercentenary itself.

Yours faithfully, PETER CAREY, 8a Collingwood Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Baton charge From Miss Margaret Marriott

Sir, Although Norman Lebrecht believes that "women have yet to make a serious impact on the rostrum (Weekend Times, November 28), it is worth noting that on December 3 both London's major opera houses were presenting performances conducted by women, each probably too absorbed in the music to be considering her sexual, powerful image, but each of whom would nevertheless have had considerable impact on both performers and audience.

Yours faithfully. MARGARET MARRIOTT. 59 Folds Crescent, Beauchief, Sheffield,

As a former district officer in Kenya, of tomorrow; but this is an inescapable my heart tells me we must intervene immediately to save the lives of the starving. But my head, stiffened by many years as a Foreign Office minister, tells me that we must first have a clearly worked-out, rational framework for dealing with this infinite variety of conflicts. The alternative could be catastrophic.

Those institutions best equipped to consider these issues must get together to provide some urgent and dear

Yours faithfully, RICHARD LUCE, Vice-Chancellor, University of Buckingham, Buckingham MK18 1EG.

From Sir Reginald Hibbert

Sir, It is good that some of your correspondents have at last raised in your columns (November 28) the long-ignored idea that the Bosnians should be helped to defend themselves. Throughout this year it has seemed odd that the international arms embargo should apply to the victims of aggression as well as to the aggressors, while everyone agonises over the much trickier question of direct intervention by foreign, including perhaps British, forces.

The proposition that arms should

be supplied to the Bosnians has been dismissed by official spokesmen in the United Kingdom with the comment that this would only increase the fighting. We should have been in a very bad way if lend-lease or arms for Russia had been dismissed in the same way in the last war.

The hard fact is that war can be stopped only by fighting to some sort of a finish, whether victory or defeat or a negotiated stand-off or settlement.

The fighting cannot be avoided once invasion and conquest have begun, except of course by surrender. The expectation that international sanctions can dispense with the need for fighting has seemed from the start to be doomed to disappointment.

The effect of a blanket arms embargo on the former Yugoslavia has been to give the Serbs a free run. The need for consensus among many powers has made it difficult to secure an unequivocal condemnation of Serbian aggression and has made it impossible to identify and pursue clear policy objectives. The Western powers have been reduced to trying to palliate the terrible consequences of war without taking any effective action to

The situation worsens as the months go by. Even now it ought to be possible to supply the Bosnians and other actual and potential victims of Serb aggression with means of selfdefence. It seems improbable that anything short of a military check will halt the Serbs. A military check from their neighbours would be much more salutary than a check from foreign intervention forces.

Of course, the Balkans being the Balkans, it would be necessary to ensure in due course that the victims of today did not become the aggressors

truths about the conflict in Yugoslavia - that it is a civil war suspiciously internationalised by the West. The second barely-mentioned truth

Sir, Conor Cruise O'Brien ('Avoid

Bosnia's bloody trap". December 4) touches upon one of three unspoken

part of the burden of trying to

establish an international order.

Yours faithfully, REGINALD HIBBERT,

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From Mr T. A. Payne

is that the economically hegemonistic German government, no longer shackled by the Cold war, was largely behind moves to hasten recognition of Croatia and Slovenia in order to regain power over those former client states. Moreover, Turkey, once the master of Bosnia, Serbia and Macedonia, is becoming a leading figure in

Islamic designs for the region. As far as Europe is concerned, the "new world order" seems to involve nothing more than putting back the clock by a century and in the process destabilising the lives of innocent Yugoslavs as well as antagonising the

guilty ones on all sides. The third unspoken truth gives the lie to this whole wretched business. It is an indisputable fact that Croats, Serbs, Montenegrins and Bosnian Muslims are ethnically identical and share one common language. Even if their cultural differences were as great as they claim, the language would reflect this far more than it actually does.

Religion is the sole factor that divides most Yugoslavs. If killing in God's name is bad enough, these regions of Yugoslavia which claim to be modern European states purely on the basis of religion go against the grain of what genuinely civilised Western nations have resolutely achieved over 200 years - secularised politics and the confinement of religious practice to its proper spiritual

Yours faithfully, T. A. PAYNE, 5 Kenilworth Court, Penge, SE20. December 7.

From Mr Jeremy Drake

Sir, I am at a loss to understand how Conor Cruise O'Brien can describe the fighting in the Balkans as "civil war". Even under Tito, Yugoslavia represented little more than an umbrella term for a number of states with diverse histories, religions, cultures and languages, only brought together

during the first world war. The brief period these states have spent under one roof has been punctuated by the bitter divisions of the second world war, which are all too apparent today.

Yours faithfully, JEREMY DRAKE, 7 Bells Hill, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire. December 7.

#### Energy policy

From Mr Lewis Stretch

Sir. In 1956 this country put on line the Western world's first nuclear power station at Calder Hall. The world, led by Niels Bohr, last survivor of the original Rutherford team, paid their respects to the achievement. We led the field in the peaceful utilisation

of mudear energy. Yet we soon lost this position. It proved impossible for those with firsthand experience of our type of reactor to penetrate officialdom with warnings of defects in the system and the arithmetic on which over-optimistic forecasts were based. The programme was over-expanded to sustain illusions of never having had it so good.

So it rapidly collapsed; the consortia disappeared, causing heavy losses and much personal distress in our heavy engineering industries. Despite the excellent service rendered by the Magnox series, we are out of the reactor market and reduced to processing ours and others' waste products.

Now the government intends to abandon its fast-reactor programme (letter, November 30). Indeed, the whole nuclear industry is threatened by similar tactics that disparage its value to those who once over-valued it comparisons that fail to distinguish between actual running costs, capital charges and exaggerated estimates for decommissioning. When the existing phase (glut) in the energy cycle turns, as it must if the revolt of the have-nots is to be contained, we shall have squandered our children's heritage.

Yours faithfully, LEWIS STRETCH (Works Manager, Calder Hall, 1954-7). 3 Laroc Close, Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire.

#### In case of pain

From Dr E. M. Walsh

Sir, Now that Dr Nigel Cox's case has been settled (reports, November 18, 21) I hope that doctors in future will ask for advice in such difficult cases of intractable terminal pain, especially where morphine is ineffective.

Most hospitals have a pain clinic staffed by experienced doctors. Many have a doctor or nurse used to controlling severe terminal cancer pain who can also control non-cancer pain in the dying.

There are hospices in most towns whose experienced staff could give advice informally in difficult cases of non-cancer pain and other distressing symptoms in the dying. Many doctors lack the experience to deal with severe terminal pain. When it arises they should ask for advice and, if there are ethical and legal aspects, discuss them with at least one other colleague.

Yours faithfully, E. M. WALSH (Consultant), The Pain Clinic, Southmead Hospital, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, Avon.

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#### **Emergency care**

From Dr Michael Paul

Sir, The government does not have to build cottage hospitals all over London to provide good accident and emergency care when hospital departments close in the wake of the Tomlinson report (letters, November 18, December 1).

Serious trauma and emergency cases are already taken to major trauma centres either by the air ambulance or paramedic teams. Other cases can easily be dealt with at a "walk in" care centre with those patients requiring admission then being transferred to the nearest major hospital.

Such centres are cheap to set up using existing shop or office space, simple to staff and administer with salaried doctors and can be built and open in a matter of months without complex planning procedures.

There is already a working model in the City of London at Broadgate and it is proving extremely popular with commuters. The government should study this example and duplicate it as part of its rationalisation plans for healthcare in London.

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL PAUL (Medical Director), General Medical Clinics Ltd., 67 Wimpole Street, W1.

#### Palace, the public and the press

From Sir David Goodall

Sir. Mr Michael Shea rightly points out ("From the gutter to the sewer and back", December 1) that the media have replaced Parliament as the main forum of debate about public life.

Up to now, we have accepted misbehaviour by the media as the price we have to pay to live in a free society. But if they have become the Grand Inquest of the Nation, should not those who control the media be subject to the same sanctions as royalty, legislators and other public

figures?
The press constantly tells us how stringent our libel laws are; but very few victims of media intrusion or misrepresentation can obtain redress through a libel action. The Press Council proved a broken reed and the Press Complaints Commission has yet to prove itself. A privacy law, if we ever get one, will almost certainly be

The only sanction likely to work would be one which hurt those responsible for an intrusion or misrepresentation in the same way as unfair media exposure hurts those who are at present on the receiving end of it. So how about a statutory "morality audit" for newspaper

proprietors and senior editorial staff? Every proprietor or editor should have to make a sworn annual return of all sources of income, including expenses and assets, plus an account of the circumstances of any divorce case, liaison or extra-marital affair in which he or she might have been involved in the course of the year.

The returns would be made in strict confidence to an impartial "comptroller", and would be for disclosure only if the newspaper concerned were found guilty of infringing a carefully drawn code of conduct. One could no doubt rely on the enterprising investigative journalist to look for ways to breach that confidence with the same zeal as that with which leaks and breaches of confidence are procured by the press in other walks of life.

Yours faithfully, DAVID GOODALL, Greystones, Ampleforth, Yorkshire. December 2.

From Canon Geoffrey Lawn

Sir. Michael Shea, in the first of his three articles, distinguishes several categories of the media and comments on the different ways in which they function. May I suggest the addition of a further category: "court jesters"? Possible candidates could be: Private Eye, Spitting Image and Have I Got News For You. It has always been important that the high and mighty should not be allowed to take themselves too seriously.

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY LAWN, The Vicarage, Whitby Road, Pickering, North Yorkshire.

From Mr Neill D. Foster

Sir, It may be that you would wish to remind your readers of the following passage by Edmund Burke (from Reflections upon the Revolution in France):

But now all is to be changed. All the pleasing illustrations, which made power gentle, and obedience liberal, which harmonized the different shades of life, and which, by a bland assimilation, incor-porated into politics the sentiments which beautify and soften private society, are to be dissolved by this new conquering empire of light and reason. All the decent drapery of life is to be nudely torn off. All the super-added ideas, furnished from the wardrobe of a moral imagination, which the heart owns, and the understanding ratifies, as necessary to cover the defects of our naked shivering nature, and to raise it to dignity in our own estimation, are to be exploded as ridiculous, absurd, and antiquated fashion.

On this scheme of things, a king is but a man; a queen is but a woman; a woman is but an animal; and an animal not of the

Yours sincerely, Turzum, Parkgate Road. Neston, Cheshire.

#### Where on earth?

From Mrs Sarah Fulford Brown

Sir, Your inclusion today (December 4) of a helpful map showing the whereabouts in Britain of Manchester, following Thursday's bomb, can only have been suggested by one of the "get a bit muddled north of the M25 brigade" on your paper. Perhaps, should the location of a

northern city ever have to be clarified again, a slightly bigger map could include a marker such as Hadrian's Wall, so that we all know exactly where it is we are talking about.

Yours (originally from the North), SARAH FULPORD BROWN, 44 Edge Street, W8.

#### Guest detritus

From Mrs Christine Bland

Sir. Garments and other belongings left by departing young guests (letters, November 28, December 1) do not indicate the "throwaway society" but the "recycling society". My husband has acquired a comfortable tweed jacket by this means, while many of my son's friends are, I'm sure, keeping warm in his discarded jerseys.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTINE BLAND. 296 Henley Road Caversham, Reading, Berkshire.





#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 7: The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association, this evening gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE December 7: The Prince of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt

this evening from France.
The Prince and Princess of Wales later attended the Royal Variety Performance at the Dominion Theatre, London W1. Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser RN was in attendance. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

December 7: Princess Alexandra, Vice-President of the British Red

Cross Society, this evening attended a Concert, in aid of Red Cross assistance in former Yugoslavia, at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance. December 5: Princess Alexandra. accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening at-tended a Gala Performance of The Nutcracker by the English National Ballet at the Theatre Royal, Norwich.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman) and the Lady Mary Colman was in attendance.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron and trustee, will attend receptions for young people who have reached the gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at St Brown Street, at 11-20; will open the Wirral Freeport, Duke Street, Birkenhead, at 1.15; as President of the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, will meet patients and other staff at Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, at 2.50; and will attend a reception at Eaton Hall, Cheshire, at 6.30. James's Palace at 11.30 and 4.00. As patron and trustee, and accompanied by Prince Edward. trustee, will host a reception of the Friends of The Duke of Edin-The Princess Royal, as Master of the Loriners Company will attend a trade liaison sub-committee meeting at Saddlers' Hall at 2.15; and, as President of the REDR, burgh's Award at Buckingham Palace at 6.00; and attend a dinner at the Dorchester hotel at

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a reception given by the Corporation of London for the National Federation of Far Eastern Prisoners of War Clubs and Associations at Guildhall at noon.

The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will visit the Homeground Partnership. Ladbroke Building, Mile End, Scotland Road, Liverpool, at 10.05; will attend a meeting of the North West Business Leadership Team's environment action group at St George's Hall, William

Birthdays today

Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, Lord

Lieurenant of Tyne and Wear, 67;

Mr Julian Critchley, MP, 62; Sir

Peter Daniell, former Senior Gov-

emment Broker, 83: Professor Sir

Roger Elliott, physicist, 64; Mr Lucian Freud, CH, painter, 70; Mr James Galway, flute player, 53; Sir de Villiers Graaff, former

Sir David Hay, cardiologist, and his twin brother Sir Hamish Hay, former mayor of Christchurch, New Zealand, 65; Mr Geoff

Hurst, footballer, 51; Sir Peter

Levene, former Chief of Defence

South African politician, 79.

the Orangerie Italiana 1992, the international fair of Italian art and antiques at the Accademia Italiana, at 6.30. ocurement, MoD, 51; Mr Terry

McDermott, footballer, 41; Mr Justice Parker, 55; Lord Prys-

the Institution of Civil Engineers

Princess Alice Duchess of Glouces

ter will attend a meeting of the ladies' guild of the St John

Ophthalmic Hospital at 1 Grosve nor Crescent at 11.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of

the Not Forgotten Association, will attend the Christmas party at the

Royal Mews at 3.00; and will open

#### British Psychological Society

The following have been elected to

Dr Maximillian Jesse Birchwood, Professor Shirley Fisher, Dr Uta Frith, Dr Robert Howie Logie, Dr Rhona Hunter Flin, Dr Thomas Murray McMillan and Dr Mich-



Fishy tale: Jean Fritts, tribal arts expert of Sotheby's New York, delights German visitors in Bond Street. London, by modelling a mask from Papua. The mask was used to tell the story of an ancestor of the Elena people from the Gulf of Papua who fell foul of village women, turned himself into a fish and entered the sea

#### Luncheon

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Sec-retary of State for Defence, was host at a funcheon held yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Colonel General Konstantine Petrovich Morozov, Minister of Defence of Ukraine.

#### Meeting

Service for the life of Oliver Vari Oss in Eton College Chapel on Friday, February 5, at 2.45pm.

# Church news

Appointments
The Rev David Rhthle, chaptain, All
Saints, Vevey, St Peter's, Chateau d'Oex.
and the English Church, Villars (Europei:
to be vicar, St Mary Magdalene, Stoke
Bishop (Bristol).
The Rev James Roberts, rector, Barby w
Rilsby: to be also rural dean of Daventry
(Peterborough).

Rilsby: to be also rural dean of Daventry (Petrsborough). The Rev John Smith, bonorary curate. Million (Carlisle): to be bonorary curate. Million (Carlisle): to be bonorary curate. St Mary, Balham (Southwark). The Rev Michael Stotte, non-stipendlary minister. Westerfield and Tuddenham w Witmesham: to be christlen stewardship adviser (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich). The Rev Peter Vannozzi, curate-in-charge. Saints Philip and James, Fleet (Guildford): to be vicar, St Edmund the Kung, Northwood Hills (London). The Rev Keith Wyer, chaplain of Kelly College, Taylstock: to be rector, Combe Martin and Bearymarbor (Excier). The Rev Torn Woodward, him sesteant. St Mary, Deane to be vicar, St Thomas and St John, Lostock (Manchester).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Sir John Alleyne, rector.
Winchester, Si Maithew (Winchester) to
retire from February 20, 1993.
The Rev Terence Byron: vicar, Leicester St
Phillip. (Leicester): to retire from
December 31 (he resigns as rural dean of
christianity north from November 30).
The Rev John Moriey-Bunker, vicar,
Horsfield, St Gregony (Bristol): to retire
from January 31, 1993.
The Rev Tom Smith, vicar, Box (Bristol):

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Mary Queen of Scots, reigned 1542-67. Linlithgow. 1542; Queen Christina of Sweden reigned 1644-54. Stockholm, 1626; Eli Whitney, pioneer of the cotton gin. Westborrough. Massachurette. 1765. George Fachen. chusetts, 1765; Georges Feydean, dramatist, Paris, 1862; Jean Si-belius, composer, Hameenlinn, Finland, 1865; James Thurber, humorist, Columbus, Ohio, 1894; Jim Morrison, singer and poet, Melbourne, Florida, 1943.

DEATHS: John Pym, leader of the opposition to King Charles I, London, 1643; Thomas de Quin-cey, writer, Edinburgh, 1859; Herbert Spencer, philosopher, Brighton, 1903; Gertrude Jelyll, gardener and londonne architect gardener and landscape architect Godalming. Surrey, 1932; Simon Marks. Baron Marks of Broughton, retail trade leader, London, 1964; Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel 1969-74, Jerusalem, 1978: John Lennon, singer and songwriter, shot, Man-

# **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr W.D. Aykroyd and Miss A.M. MacLellan The engagement is announced between Danny, son of Mr P.L. Avkroyd, of Hampshire, and Mrs D. Chittenden, of Suffulk, and Anji, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald MacLellan, of

Symington, Ayrshire. Mr J.M. Cooper and Miss R.C. Davis

The engagement is announced between John Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Cooper, of Spinneyfield, Rotherham, and Romina Catherine, only daughter of Professor Terence Davis, of Windhoek Namibia, Africa Mr P.R.H. Davies and Miss M. Schiller

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mrs Jane Warts, of Landford, Wiltshire. and Mr Robert Davies, of. Pattingham, Staffordshire, and Martina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Karl Schiller, of Wittfeld Str 24, 1000 Berlin-20. The marriage will take place in Bangkok on December 12, 1992. Mr.J.L. Lane

and Miss C.E. Tillott The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mrs Dorothy Lane, of St John's Wood, London, and the late Mr Jack Lane, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John

Tillott, of Ringwood, Hampshire.

Mr G.A. Olivit and Miss M.K.R. Jenks

The engagement is announced between George, son of Captain and Mrs David Holland, of Dominguez Hills, California, and Melissa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Jenks, of Kensington, London. The marriage will take place in Singapore in April 1993.

Mr T.R. Orme and Miss C.S. Mike

The engagement is announced between Tim Orme, youngest son of Mrs H.P. Evans, of Manky, Cheshire, and Susic, eldest daughter of Mr V.F. Mike, of Worcester.

Mr J.M. Pickering and Miss H.R. Hawken

The engagement is announced between James Macquarie, younpets son of the late Mr. Richard Pickering and of Mrs Lorna Pickering, of Kensington, and Helen Rosemary, daughter of Mr. Donald Hawken, of Witney, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Mary Hawken, of Woodstock.

Mr R.J.M. Raikes and Miss M.D. Bentha

The engagement is announced between Robert, eider son of Mr and Mrs R.M. Raikes, of Builth Wells, Powys, and Mary, twin daughter of the late Mr and Mrs R.J. Bentham, of London, NWI.

## **Dinners**

Greater London Licuten Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, accompanied by Lady Bramall. was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Deputy Lieutenants of Greater London at the London Scottish Headquarters last night. Colonel Alan Niekirk was in the

Parish Clerks' Company Mr LL Brace, Master of the

Parish Clerks' Company, assisted by Mr LR.R. Miller, Upper Warden, and Mr P.A.G. Stickley, Under Warden, presided at the annual St Nicholas dinner held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Mr J.A. Prodger, Parish Clerk of West Hackney, and Lady Brittan also spoke. Earlier Archpresbyter John Lee

preached the sermon at Holy Communion celebrated by the Rev Michael Woodgate at the Church of St Magnus the Martyr, Lower

Hawks Clab

The annual dinner of the Hawks Chib took place last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Michael Melluish presided and the guest speaker was Mr Christopher Martin-Jenkins.

HM Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the Right Hon the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor D. Allinson, the Lady Mayoress, the Hon Recorder of the City of Cardiff, Judge Michael Gibbon, and the Chairman of the Cardiff Business Club, Mr B.K. Thomas. were present at a dinner held by the club at the Royal Hotel. Cardiff, last night. The Guest Speaker was Ms Esther Rantzen. Chairman, ChildLine, Mr T. Stanley Thomas presided.

#### Service dinner Cavalry Colonels

The annual Dinner of the Cavalry Colonels was held in the Cavalry and Guards Club last night. The Chairman of the Cavalry Colonels, Major General G.M.G. Swindells, CB, presided.

#### Appointment

Mr John Pitts has been reappointed chairman of the Legal Aid Board for a further two years

#### TEL: 071 481 4000

# PERSONAL COLUMN

On 1992. e. Sir C.B.E.

FAX: 071 481 9313

BIRTHS

December 4th. Georgina Rose to Jacquelin West and Jonathan Adams. BADENOCH - On December

BOYCOTT - On December 3rd, at the John Radchffe, to 2ia unée Aylward) and Robin. a daughter, Francesca. a sister for Alexandra. Katharine and Clementine Clementine.

BROWN — on December 1st at

the Portland Hospital to Janet (nee Thurston) and Gavin a beautiful daughter Olivia Alice

CAHAIAN — on December 2nd at the Portland Hospital to Nuala tnée Staumton) and J.J. a beautiful son séan.

beautiful daughter, Rebecca.
GALLAGMER - On November,
27th, to Andrew and Ann. a'
son, Luke Daynes.
HANEGRAAF - on December
2nd at the Portland Hospital
to Cynthia and Paul a daughter Anneke Jill. born on her
mother's birthday, a precious
gift. ISAACS - On December 3rd.

sister for Paul.

JERKINS On December 8th, to Christine and Andy, a daughter. Kithy Eoise.

KENNEDY-COOKE On December 1st, to Joanna (nee Pyte) and James, a daughter. Emma Victoria, a sister for Sophie.

Anna Jasmine. a stater for Lucy and Jennifer.

PARTHIDGE - On December 4th. at the John Raddiffe Hospital. to Susan (née Briffert) and Andrew of Little Shurt. Burford. Oxford. a daughter. Charlotte Rose. a sister for Emily. PARTHIDGE - On December 4th, at the John Radciffer Hospital. to Susan (née Briffett) and Andrew of Little Sturt. Burford. Oxford, a daughter. Charlotte Rose, a sister for Emily.

SIMMONS - On December 6th to Catribeen and John, a daughter. Helen.

SNAITH - On November 29th. to Janina (née Brzeskwinski) and Paul, a daughter, Rebecca Clare.

Fineral Service in St. December, St. December, All enquiries to the fetcher All enquiries to the fetcher. All enquiries to the fetcher All enquiries to the fetcher. All enquiries to the fetcher Al

SPEIRS - On December 6th, in Germany, Captain and Mrs Ian Karl Speirs are pleased to announce the safe arrival of William Robert Joseph, a precious son for lan and Anita. UNIACKE . On December 2nd to Rose and Roble, a son, a brother for Florence, Olive

and Robse.

WALTER- On December 3rd.

al Lincoln County Hospital to
Flona (née Birreil) and Joe
(Jan), a beautiful daughter,
Eliza Sophie Anne, a sister
for Ren.

Eliza Sophie Anne, a sever for Ben.
WRIGHT - on December 5th at the Portland Hospital to Carol and Malcolm John Paul, a brother for Amanda, Vikki, Samantha and Jessica.

YEOWARD - On November 29th, to Rupert and Marianne (née Dodd), a daughter, Roseanna Alicia. ZAKHIRA — on November 29th at the Portland Hospital to Aisha (née Dura) a beauti-tut daughter Zakhira Anita Adeleye.

MARRIAGES

RHODES:HUGH-JONES

The wedding took place on December 5th at Whitney of Greville Rhodes and Shella Hugh-Jones.

DEATHS

BALL - On December 5th
1992. Anne thee Morrist
wife of Peter. Inother of
Jenifer. Adrian. Sarah,
David and Richard. Funeral
service on Friday December
11th at 12 noon at Great St.
Mary's Church.
Sawbridgeworth. Cannon &
Sons Limited. Tel: 0279
657922.
BARR - On December 6th

December 1st. to Joanna under Prylet and James. a daughter. Emma Victoria, a sister for Sophie.

LOFTIE - On December 1st. in Cahors, France, to Alice (indeed Horivoid-Sirickland) and Charlets. a daughter. Eleanor Sophie.

MARSHALL - On November 19th 1952. to Floria under 19th 1952. To Flor

**DEATHS** 

BRINSDEN - Dudley, Beloved husband of Geraldine, dearly loved father of Peter, Paul, Lynda, Simone and Mark

Lynda, Simone and Mark and his 11 grandchildren. Died peacefully on Sunday December 6th at Bucklands Hospital. Dover. Private cremation at Barham Crematorium, near Canterbury on Friday December 11th at 1pp., Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the NSPCC.

desired to the NSPCC.

BURRELL - On December 5th.

John Norman, of Riding MSI.

Northumberland. In his 86th
year, much loved father of
Jill, and grandfather of
Simon. Guy, Juliet and
Sarah.

Simon. Cuy. Juliet and Sarah.
CHALLEN On December 3rd peacefully in his 92nd year Bertram Cecil. Befoved husband of the late Hilda. father of John and Susam and grandfather of Georgina. Sophie Timothy and Lucy. Funeral Service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Friday December 11th at 2.30pm. A fine gentleman. Donallons to Edenbridge Hospital.
CONNESL - On December 6th, peacefully at Calcroft House, West Byfleet, Moille Isobel aged 89. Beloved mother of John and David and dear grandmother. Funeral at St. Johns Crematorium, Wolking on Thursday December 10th at 11.30 am. No flowers.
COPELAND WATTS - On 5th December. Leonard.

COPELAND WATTS - On 5th December. Leonard, peacefully at Fairhoime House Nursing Home, aged 94 years. Much loved husband of Winfired, father, grandfather and great grandfather and great grandfather. Service at Mid Warwickshire Crematorium, on Thursday 10th December, 12 noon, Family flowers only. If desired, donations made payable to The Benevolent Fund of Charlered institution of Building Services Engineers, Delta House, 222 Balham High Road, London, 5W12 9BS

fellowship of the society:

Royal Over-Seas League Dr David Whitehouse, Science Correspondent of BBC Radio, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the discussion circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Mr Oliver Van Oss There will be a Thanksgiving

DEATHS

GOLDSMITH Terence
Charles Algernon, peacefully
at home on Saturday
pecember Sth. precious
husband of Anne and dearly
loved father of Hugh, Emma
and George, Funeral Friday
pecember 11th at 2 pm. St.
Paul's, Croachy, Strathnaira
by Inverness, Enquiries to
William Fraser, Calduthel
Road, Inverness, Family
flowers only, donations to
the Campden Area Home
Nursing Trust run by Mrs
Jessica Brook.
HERBERT - On December 7th,
peacefully, at The Royal
Lesmington Spa Nursing
Home, Phyl, very greatly
loved by her family, Peter,
Ann. Clare and Rory,
Funeral at St Chad Church,
Bishops Tachbrook, on
Thursday December 10th at
1.30 pm. followed by private
cremation, Family flowers
only please.
JACKSOM - On 4th December
Ida Frances, peacefully at
Ridgeway Manor Residential
Home, Oxied, aged 92,
Widow of Cyril, mother of
Alan, grandmother of Kate,
Will be greatly iniesed,
Funeral Service at Worth
Crematorium on Wednesday
Sth December at 3.30pm.

# lames, Milturuw (Manchesser): retired as homo October 31. The Rev Peter Ellis, port chaplain to Missions to Seamen, Teesside (Fortit: has resigned to work in Hong Kong. The Rev Canon David Hasiam, vicar, St. Andrew, Boscombe (Winchesser): to retire from December 6. The Rev Derek Hill, vicar, All Saints, Bury St. Edmands (St. Edmandsbury and Ipswitch): to retire from April 18, 1993. The Rev Canon Ronald Tovey, rector, St. Elisabeth, Reddish (Manchesser): retired. Scottish Episcopal

ess and rethrements

DEATHS

MARTIN-BIRD

December 3rd suddenly at home, Pichard Dawney C

Anotews 30, 1992,

Church

chupiain to Sedbergh School, Sedbergh, Cumbria, to be priest in charge St. Miniana, Comely Bank, Edinburgh, from January 1, 1993.

The Rev Gary James Scott, rector of St. Peters, Peebles, to be priest in charge St. Andrews Inverteitine, from November

Resignation
The Rev Andrew John McTaggart Sinclair,
assistant priest at Old St Paul's and
Anglican Chaplain of Edinburgh
University, is to leave the diocese on
February 1, 1993 to become team wicar of
Dunstable Priory in the Diocese of St

RADLEY - On 4th December, peacefully at St. John's Hospice, Irma Louise (née Sander) loued wife of the late George, mother of Rita and a much loved grandmother. Cremation service at Randalls Park. Leatherhead on Friday 11th December a

RANDELL - On December 6th, Philip Craddock O.B.E., died peacefully in Stamford Hospital. aged 52 years. Funeral service on Friday 11th December at 10.30 am at Peterborough Crematorium.

suddenty at home. Sir Richard Dawnay C.B.E., T.D., D.L. beloved husband of Katharine and adored father & grandfather, sadly missed by all the family. Funeral Service will be held at St. John the Evangelist, Chelford, on Thursday December 10th at 2.30pm. prior to Private Cremation. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to the David Lewis Centre. All enquiries and donations to Dodgson's Funeral Service. 25 Manchester Road. Knutsford. Tel: (0665) 634251.

MASON - Edwin, assed 66 years, on December 2nd. passed away peacefully in Warwick Hospitai, after an illness fought with courage and dignity. Father of Jonathan and brother of Marion. Donald. Brenda. Geoffrey and Patricta.

MATHER - On December 2nd, peacefully. Major J.H. (Jim) Mather E.R.D. aged 34 years. of The Four Wynds. Kaysburn. Durham. Durham. formerly of Churt. Surrey. Dearly loved husband of Billie, father of Barrie and lan. Cremation at Durham Crematorium on Wednesday December 9th at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to N.Alderson Funeral Directors. Whitehouse Lane. Ushaw Moor. Durham.

MAYNE - On December 5th peacefully at Clare Hall Nursing Home. Ston Easton. Jonathan Humphrey. Cremation on Friday 11th December at Hayromb Crematorium. Whiteway. Bath at 12 noon. Enquiries to Brian Bishop on 0751 412046.

JEVNES On December 6th 1992, peacefully at Birtley House Nursing Home, Bramley, Surrey, Madeleine Wynne (Windsor) Jeynes F.R.A.M. aged 90 years. Wife of the late Alban Jeynes (Jeyno) much loved cousin, friend and teacher. Funeral service and thanksgiving for her life of music at Guildford Crematorium on Friday December 11th at 11.00 am. No Rowers, but donations to The Royal Academy of Music. London. c/o J. Gorringe & Son, Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane. Farncombe. Godalming. Surrey. Tel: 0483 416403. McCLELAND Annelle
Madeleine Mary, on 4th
December peacefully at the
home of her devoted daughler, dearest mother of
Joanna John and Alisterand much loved gramy of
Sarah Jane, Mark, Giles,
Ouy, Philippe, Justine and
Seretta. Nous Tavons
beaucoup ainnée et nous
l'atmerons toujours. Service
at The Garden of Rementbrance. Bayswater Road.
Headington, Orford on
Wednesday, 3th December at
3.50pm.

LANGDON - Orr December
3rd 1992, suddenly at his
home in Sherborne, Dorset,
Augustus John Langdon,
aged 79. Beloved husband of
Dee and father of Fruzan,
Wilmot and Christopher,
Funeral sarvice at Sherborne
Abbey, on December 18th at
2 pm. Family flowers only
please. LINDSAY - Wistaria.
Peacefully in the care of St.
Columba's Hospice on 6th
December 1992, loved wife
of Kenneth, mother of
Katrine and Jane and their
families. Service at
Warriston Crematorium
Main Chapel on Wednesday
9th December at 3.00m.
Family flowers only. The
family flowers only. The
family hopes that Wisty's
friends will give to St.
Columba's Hospice. Boswall
Road. Edinburgh. EH6 3RW.

Road. Edinburgh. EH6 SRW.

LOVETT-TURNER On
December 4th. suddenty
Lavinia. aged 27. much
loved daughter of Maurice
and Tricia, sister of Flona
and Serena. Aum of Jack.
Giony. Oliver and Tom.
Funeral Service will lake
place at St John The Baptist.
Windlesham. on Friday
December 11th at 12.30 pm.
All flowers to Ford. Mears &
Partners. 26 High Street.
Frinley. Surrey.

LOWE - On December 6th, in peace at home, Hilary Inde Tindail), beloved wife of Robin and mother of Kato and Julian. Funeral at 8t Mary's, Selborne, Hants at 12.00 room on Friday December 11th, No flowers please. Donations to Cancer Research or Macmillans Service.

**DEATHS** 

RANDELL -

READING - On 4th December.
suddenly at Loxwood.
Sustex. Don of isle of Mull.
beloved husband of Pal.
father of Kathryn. Alexander
and the late Anthony, fatherin-law of Charles and
grand/alther of Annabel and
Emily. Greatly loved and will
be sadly missed by his family
and friends. Funeral to take
place at Rudgwick Parish
Church. 20m Friday 11th
December. Flowers to W.
Bryder & Sons. Tillington.
Petworth. West Sussex.

MORLEY - On December 4th 1992, peacefully in hospital. In London, after such a brave last fight. Lilly Florence (Vilnid), darting and loving wife for over 56 wooderful years of Denis, and mother of David and grandmother of Charlotte and Nicholas. Funeral service and Nicholas. Funeral service and Chichesteff crematorium on Saturday December 12th at 12 noon. Family flowers only but if desired, donations to SI. Mary's Church. Climping. West Sussex. All entotiries and donations to H D Tribe Ltd. 63 Sea Lane. Rustington, West Sussex. Tel: 0903 787188.

PEPPER - On December 4lit. peacefully in Chichester, Dr. Richard, aged 84, lormerly PDWELL On December 4th 1992, peacefully. Thomas David Farrell, C.B.E., of Aberporth, formerly of Gatley. Cheshire. Director-General Textile Council. Manchester. Husband of the late Kathleen. Beloved father to Rhannon and Bill. Grandfather to Dougal. Enquiries to Jackie Jenkins & Son Funeral Directors. Cardigan. Dyfed.

RICH - Phyllis Mary, on December 5th 1992, peacefully in Winchester aged 91, Molly, widow of Dr R.W. (Roy) Rich formerly of Leeds, dear mother of John and Marian, proud grandmother and greatgrandmother, will be remembered with leve by all her family and friends. Service at St Paul's Church. Winchester. on Friday December 11th at 12 noon. Private cremation later. Please. no flowers, but if wished donations to Age Concern or Shelter c/o JNO Steel and Son. Chesil House. Winchester.

Winchester.

RODNEY - On December Sth. in London. John Armand Rodney M.C., bust before his 71st birthday. Gearly loved husband of Eve. loved and loving father of Peter and David and adored grandfather of Lydia, Kate and Harry. Funeral at Greet Amwell Parish. Church. Heris. on December 11th at 12 noon. Donations. If desired. to British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association (BLESMA), 185-187 Hopb Road. Chadwell Heath. Romford. Essex. RM6 GNA. All enquiries to Powell Funeral Service. Ware. (0920) 463250.

SABOURIN, Alan Victor. aged 69. on 2nd Decamber after a long filness bravely borne. Beloved husband of Eileen and father of Margaret. Alison. Andrew and Peter and adored grandfather of Susanna. Eleanor. Robert. Marian, James. Edward and William. Service at Dowlish Wake. Somerset. 2.30pm Thursday 10th December.

SCULLY Katherine (Kit).
Suddenly but peacefully on
December 3rd. Beloved wife
of Don and much loved
mother of Barbara and
Elizabeth. Funeral 1.30pm
December 9th. Frankhy
Cemetery, Wiral. Enquiries:
Kenna & Turner. Wallasey
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STEPHEM On Saturday December 5th 1992. Dora Valentine Grant. of Mariborough Court. Cambridge. peacefully at Southmead Hospital. Bristol. Wildow of the late Major A.B.G. Stephen. Funeral Service at the Emmanuel Church, Cambridge at 2.30 pm on Friday December 11th. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Harry Williams & Son. 7 Victoria Park. Cambridge. Tel 0223 359480.

STRAW On December 5th 1992, peacefully at Hayes Court Nursing Home. Diane Jeanne Marquerite, in her 89th year. Dearly loved mother of John and David and grandmother of John and David and grandmother of Jill. Cathy. Beverley. Ashley and Michael. Funeral at St. Leonard's Church. Chelsham on Thursday December 10th at 10.30 am. Enquiries to Ebuit Funeral Service, Tel: 081 688 5555.

TOMPKINS On 6th December 10th at 10.30 am. Enquiries to Ebuit Funeral Service, Tel: 081 688 5555.

TOMPKINS On 6th December peacefully at his home. Richard Tompkins C.B.E. beloved husband of Elizabeth and adored father of Victoria, and of HiBary and Melanie. Very much loved by all who knew him. Funeral Service at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Thursday 10th Lecember at 11.30 am. followed by private crimalion. Flowers to Kenyon's. 74 Rochester Row. SW1 by 10.15 am please.

VAUGHAN-BROWN Earl
Michael Jerome Sebastian,
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Darling Earlie, our beloved
son and brother, you gave
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Griffin Mews. 22 High
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WEIL On December 4th
1992 after a long illness,
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Family flowers only please Leatherhead at 2.50pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. c/o G. Boutell & Son. 50 High Road. Byfleet. Surrey. KT14 7QL. Tet: 0932 345037.

WERNLY . Kerstin Eve b. 14/10/52, Stockholm, died December 5th 1992, at Princess Grace Hosbital after a long brave fight against cancer. Funeral at 11 am on 11/12/92 at the Swedish Church, 6 Harcourt Street, London, Wil. Flowers

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# **OBITUARIES**

# JAMES OSBORNE

James Osborne, sculptor, died in Brighton on November 20 aged 52. He was born on August 3, 1940

FROM his childhood days in the back streets of Brighton when he carved in soap filched from his mother's kitchen and bits of chalk picked up on Brighton beach, James Osborne knew he was destined to become a sculptor. What he did not know was that his bronzes would be exhibited all over the world; that his patrons would include members of the royal family and that his large commission works would grace many a public place. It is fitting that Brigh-ton should become the home of his largest public fountain depicting his own children astride two lifesize dolphins.

A dyslexic, Osborne left school at the age of 14 and was rejected by Brighton Art Coilege for not having any academic qualifications. Never one to be held back by such minor details, he undertook four years of apprenticeship with master craftsmen, learning decorative trades and working on such buildings as Brighton Pavilion.

He was highly regarded as a teenage lightweight amateur boxer and never lost a fight until he was knocked down for the first time at the age of 18, prompting him to hang up his gloves for ever. A craggy face, a broken nose and many friends in the boxing world provided lasting memories

from these early days. During the 1960s Os-

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James Osborne with examples from his bronze stable

borne's restless artistic spirit took him to Europe, where he travelled widely, living from his paintings and working with woodworkers, stone carvers and quarrymen. He was in Paris at the time of the student riots of 1968 and, witnessing these violent scenes, he felt a futility in painting that led him to put

down his paint brush and concentrate on sculpture. On his return to England he worked in established bronze foundries before starting his own in Hove. This was primarily to cast his own work and ensure that his individual attention could be given to each piece. However, he soon started casting the work of

other artists and training young apprentices in the techniques he had developed for the small foundry.

Osborne was a man with a big heart, big ideas and expansive thinking. In 1985 he opened his studio in London's Covent Garden and it became a haven for people from every walk of life. Members of the royal family, local artisans, dancers from the Opera House, weightlifters, politicians, city businessmen and people of all ages from all over the world were welcomed with open arms, a winning smile and an excuse for a party. The quality of Osborne's work began to be recognised and in 1988 he was commissioned to sculpt a half life-size bronze of the Queen's horse Burmese. This bronze, depicting Burmese in her full ceremonial tack, now stands in the Mews Museum in Windsor. This was shortly followed by

a commission for a two-thirds life-size bronze of the famous eighteenth-century racehorse. Eclipse, which now stands on Newmarket Racecourse: 1990 saw the string by helicopter of the life-size "Boy on a Magic Rocking Horse" in Kensing ton Gardens, plus the positioning of a life-size Ballyregan Bob in Hove grey-hound stadium.

Osborne was prolific and his work encompassed a wide variety of subject matters in all sizes. Above all his generosity was endless and his ideas for fund raising abounded.

Over the years his work has raised, at auction and by donations, over half a million pounds for such charities as the Order of St John, the Variety Club, the Spinal Injuries Association, the Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy, and Into the Blue.

In his sculpture it is Osborne's attention to detail, the vitality and atmosphere captured in bronze, and the versatility of being able to sculpt the athletic quality of ballet dancers and trapeze artists balancing precariously, or horses and greyhounds exuding power and strength, that has placed him among the top British sculptors of this century.

He is survived by his wife Judy and two young children, Martin and Kit.

# JOYCE GUTTERIDGE

Joyce Gutteridge, CBE, international lawyer and foreign office legal counsellor, has died aged 86. She was born on July 10, 1906 at Bromley.

JOYCE Gutteridge was the first woman legal adviser in the Foreign Office and, on retirement, the most senior woman member of the Foreign Service. During her career she acquired great expertise in the field of the Law of the Sea, and the powers of the United Nations. She was also a pioneer in the newly emerging law of Outer Space. Gutteridge was the daughter of Professor H. C.

Gutteridge, the first professor of comparative law at Cambridge University. She herself was educated at Roedean and read history at Sommerville College, Oxford.

After being called to the Bar by Middle Temple in 1938 she joined the ATS on the outbreak of the second world war. She was not a natural soldier and she found the adjustment to life in the armed services difficult until the Army had the good sense to put her legal skills to use. It was then that she came to

the notice of Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice, then head of the legal department at the Foreign Office.

After the war she joined his department and became its first ever woman legal adviser. At the start the position was temporary but her warm personality and her intellectual ability soon established her as a regular member of the team.

Her first significant role was as legal adviser to the Geneva Conference which drew up the Geneva Convention (Red Cross) 1949. This gave her a life long interest in the activities of the Red Cross.

After a spell in the Middle Eastern department of the Foreign Office she started a long and distinguished involvement with the Law of the

This affinity with the Law of the Sea frequently found her in the forefront of advising the government on numerous international maritime issues involving much travel. She was called upon, at short notice, to advise on the Torrey



Canyon oil disaster and spent quite some time in Iceland during the Cod Wars. In 1958 she was the United Kingdom representative on the Continental Shelf committee of the Law of the Sea conference. She continued her interest in the Law of the Sea into her retirement and published several works on the subject.

She particularly enjoyed four years (1961-64) in New York as legal counsellor to the UK mission to the UN. Kennedy was in power and he was determined to land the first man on the moon. This kindled Gutteridge's interest in outer space and she visited Cape Canaveral and met the astronauts who were later to achieve their president's

objective. She represented the UK both on the UN's Outer Space committee in New York and the Outer Space legal subcommittee held in Geneva in 1962. She continued her interest in the Law of the Outer Space into her retirement and became affectionately known in the FO as "Our Lady in Outer Space".

The presence of a woman in such an important diplomatic position won her many friends in the US and, while there, she received an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Westerness College for Women, Oxford, Ohio, in 1963. Also while there she was, in 1964, made

During retirement she acted as a special adviser to the House of Commons Trade and Industry sub-committee on the UK fisheries industry. She also found herself acting as chairman at many conferences and seminars on international law and, particularly, on the Law of the Sea.

FAX: 071 481 9313

## **DIANE VARSI**

Diane Varsi, former Hollywood actress, died on November 19 aged 54. She was born in San Mateo, Mississippi, in 1938.

DIANE Varsi was nominated for an Academy Award for her first screen appearance as Lana Turner's troubled daughter in the 1957 film Peyton Place. She was Allison MacKenzie, in the melodrama which was based on the novel by Grace Metalious.

It gathered nine Academy Award nominations — including Varsi's for best supporting actress — but won none.

Varsi subsequently made three movies in quick succession but then abandoned Hollywood, saying acting was destructive for her. "I don't see any reason to be made miserable just because other people say I should go on with my career," she once said.

Diane Varsi was raised in a series of schools and convents and described herself as a "difficult and temperamental child".

By the age of 21 she had been divorced twice, had a son, Shawn, and had worked at various jobs, including picking apples. She began her entertainment career as a folk singer and drummer with a Los Angeles band. Her film credits include From Hell to Texas, a chase Western starring Don Murray. Ten North Frederick, in which she played Gary Cooper's daughter, and in 1959, Compulsion, a rather

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dogged but earnest fictionalisation of the Leopold-Loeb kidnap case.

Then she moved to Bennington, Vennont, walking out on a contract with 20th Century Fox, and got married for the third time - to artist Michael Hausman. By the time the contract

expired in 1965, her interest in films had rekindled and she went on to make a series of mostly low-budget, unremarkable pictures, including Sweet Love Bitter, Wild in the Streets and Killers Three. But in 1971, her portrayal, in the anti-war film Johnny Got His Gun, of a sympathetic nurse was, she said, "the kind of role I've always wanted . . . but it's been a long wait."

Her last screen appearance was in I Never Promised You a Rose Garden, in 1977. Her death was attributed to

respiratory problems. Varsi suffered from Lyme disease, an inflammation of the joints that can affect the nervous

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Notice of S89 Meeting of Creditors

BAILLIE LONGSTAFF LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION)

Principal Trading Address:
Aradale House, Charles Street, Breatford, West Yorkshire, SD1 1EL.

Company Number: 02044262

NOTICE IS HENEBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 96 of the insolvency Act 1996, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-somed Company will be their at Prisary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London, ECSN 2NP on 14

December 1992 at 3.00pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 9106.

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1016: 3 December 1992

1 L Morgan, Joint Administrator.

COMPANY NOTICES

JOHN LEWIS pk:
NOTICE 18 HERESY GIVEN
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# PERSONAL COLUMN

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that I, Brian Lawrepor Lasky
FCA of Mesers, Elliot, Woolfe &
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Kingabury Road, Landon, NW9
086 was appointed Liquidator of
PEAKISHIRE LIMITED on 22
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#### PARLIMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT SESSION 1992-93

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#### IN PARLIAMENT SESSION 1992-93

UNIBANK NOTICE IS HEREDY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament by Unibank A/S for leave to introduce in the present Session a Bit lander the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:

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To make provision respecting the accounts of Unibank A/S and the subsidiaries and to provide for the continuance of actions to which the subsidiaries had been a party; that documents shall continue to be evidence and that the Bankers' Books Evidence Act 1879 should continue to apply to the books of the subsidiaries.

To make provision for the continuing effect of contracts of employment and pensions of persons employed by the subsidiaries and to make provision for the dissolution of the subsidiaries and the application of the intended Aut to Scodand and Northern Ireland.

On and other 4th December 1992 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the offices of Messrs. Mackey, Murray & Spens at 3 Gientinias Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6AC; at the offices of Messrs. L'Estrenge & Brett at 7 & 9 Chichester Street, Battast BT1 4JG; and at the offices of the under-mentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents.

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Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT. 1986
NOTICE, IS HERRESY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98 of the
insolvency Act. 1986 that a Massing of the Crestions of the above
named Company will be held at
246 Bishopspale, London EC2M
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PARLIMENTARY NOTICES

# IN PARLIAMENT SESSION 1992-93

CITIBANK EUROPE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament by Cilibank Investments Limited (hereinsther retende to as "Cilibank") for leave to immoduce in the present Seaston a Bit under the above name or short title for purposes of which the

following is a concise summery:-To make provision for the transfer to and vesting in Cities To make provision for the transfer to and vesting in Citicom investment Bank Limited (hereinafter referred to as "CBL,") as from a day to be appointed by the directors of Citibank of the undertakings of Citicomp Finance PLC, Citibank Trust Limited, The Diners Club Limited, Citibank Leasing Limited, Cardholder Services Limited, Citicomp Scringeour Victors Securities Limited and Citibank Financial Trust Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the subsidiaries").

To provide for the continuence in force of contracts, instructions, undertakings and other instruments and for the transfer from the subsidiaries to CESL of customers' accounts, securities for payment of debts and liabilities and the custody. of documents, goods or other property.

To provide for compensation for the minority shareholders (holding approximately 0.21% of the issued shares) of The Diners Club Limited.

To make provision respecting the accounts of CESL and the subsidiaries and the distributable profits or reserves of CESL and to provide for the continuence of actions to which the subsidiaries had been a party; that books and other documents shall continue to be evidence and that the

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Dated 1st December 1992

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NOTICE IS HERRESY CIVEN, pursuant to Section 96 of the insolvency Act 1906, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held of Friary Court, 66 Crutched Friary. London, ECSN 2NP on 14

December 1992 at 3.00pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the insolvency Act 1996.

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DI. Morgan, Joint Administrator.

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ogistics, said the dictionaries until a few years ago, was the Lart and science of supplying armies and fleets - then the biggest assemblies of human effort

and planning. Today, when supermarket chains command more people and materials than Alexander the Great ever did, grocers need logistics as much as generals: a system for making sure the right people and the right goods are in the right place at the right time and — a complication generals rarely worry about — at the right cost.

In the manufacturing field, one reason for the triumph of Japanese car plants has been that they were pioneers of logistics. Where is the best place for a warehouse to serve shops spread over the whole country? Which is the best route for X trucks to take from Y warehouse to make deliveries to Z stores, taking into account road-mending delays at A, fog predicted at B and the perpetual traffic jam at C?

# General staff to general store

Distribution Management, where

membership has grown to more than 8,000 in the past ten years. He

says that the unprecedented

growth in consumer spending over the past decade, with the boom in

superstores, has meant ware-

housing and distribution systems

have grown bigger and more com-

"Many of the large food retailers, including Sainsbury, Tesco, Asda and Gateway, have all created

centralised composite distribution

centres with the capacity to stock

the vastly increased number of products," he says. Deliveries are

arranged on a tight schedule.

Answering questions like that and others much more complicated are how logistics experts earn their living. Their growing role in industry and commerce is essential to prosperity. As Europe's barriers to trade come down, logistics consultancies will be in greater demand if British businesses are to benefit from that single market.

For years many managers, particularly in transport, had been using logistics without giving the discipline a name. Now, its practitioners admit "logistics" is in danger of becoming another business buzzword, used by people because it

Ray Horsley is director-general

"The principles of logistics em-brace all these functions of storage and handling of goods and raw materials, including the interface with markets, production and purchasing." Mr Horsley says.
Logistics experts fall into three groups those employed directly by mamufacturers and retailers, the

independents employed by business consultants, such as Coopers & Lybrand, PA Consulting and Arthur Andersen, and those employed by transport and warehousing companies as a service to clients and potential clients. The last two have been described as the "eggheads" and the

The smart truckers are thought to outnumber the eggheads by a ratio of about 20 to one, and some managers hold strong opinions about the relative value of advice from the two groups. But whatever the arguments, logistics will be vital in the battle to make industry and commerce leaner and lighter.



Heavy load: efficient transport schedules will be the key to competitiveness in Europe

# Concentrate on Europe

The end of trade barriers will provide logistical opportunities

f logistics are a powerful tool for manufacturing and retailing in Britain. they will be essential when European barriers start to fall next month and as Western business moves further east.

Graham Roberts, manag-ing director of British Road Services, says: There are enormous opportunities in Europe. Our customers are asking us about rationalising where they hold stock, reducing the number of manufacturing points."

As Europe comes closer, concentration will increase. Big is beautifully profitable. particularly in warehousing. For example, it is calculated that a single large warehouse can provide the same service with a total inventory of only half that of four smaller ones, and will also be cheaper because of economies of scale. With customs delays removed and barriers down, much of the European Community can be supplied from one centre within 24 hours. A report on European distri-

bution by A. J. Kearney, a firm of consultants, cited as an example Philips, the electrical manufacturer, which organised on a national basis would have 16 warehouses, but after 1993 just three.

Iain Speak, of the international logistics and transport group TNT, says: "Lots of in-ternational companies operate in Europe with warehouses in each country duplicating and triplicating inventory levels. Where the skill comes is in reducing those levels." As an example of logistics

services that give a competitive edge in Europe, he cites a computer system that TNT uses for an American client with sales set-ups in most European countries. Mr Speak says: "We raise invoices in dollars on their behalf to their national sales organ-isations, but simultan-

eously invoice the endusers for those national sales organisations in local currency and in the local language, calculating the appropriate cost bases and margins and the different European VAT rates."

Ray Horsley, the director-general of the Institute of



The road ahead: the single market will exacerbate the complexities of transport

Management, calls the opening up of the European mar-ket "perhaps the greatest catalyst of change". "Effective and optimumcost logistics solutions will

Logistics and Distribution

The changes in Europe will bring logistics to the forefront of industry

> shape the pattern of industry in Europe over the next decade," he says. "The changes about to happen in Europe will bring logistics to the forefront of industry. Logistics experts, however,

emphasise that the Continent is not just an extension of the UK market. More than 150 such experts were interviewed, and 25 multinational companies studied, by Ander-Consulting and the Cranfield School of

Management, whose report, for the international Council of Logistics Management, is due out next month. Apart from the single

market, the report sees three levers for change. One is European environmental concern, another the need for better information technology for more efficient movement of products, and the third transport costs. Easing transport regulations on the

Continent will cut costs short term, but more congestion and environmental concern will increase those costs in the long run, necessitating careful and flexible logistic planning. The report says that pan-European companies will

need to recast existing nationally based production and distribution, using integrated logistics and management systems, to give good customer service and to get the best out of the single market. But that does not mean there is one answer to a single European business problem. Cultural differences make that impossible.

Ray Jewitt, an Andersen supply chain." partner, says: "There is no magic formula". The same group carries

**Orderly** work out a better way, to pare down waste and make supply more efficient, logistics claim a share of credit for a greener world—for saving waste saves the environment too. means Graham Roberts of British

Road Services, the transport group, says applying logistics means working more closely with customers, and that leads to supplying vehicles closely tailored to customers' needs. "If we know a truck is going to be running mainly at high speeds on motorways we can fit aerodynamic gear to save

firel," he says.

Using less fuel means leaking less carbon dioxide and other pollutants into the air. It also leaks less cash out of the company whose goods are being transported.

Rebecca Jenkins, managing director of Lane Group, another transport organisation, explains how her company had aerodynamic fairings designed for vehicles delivering to Body Shop. The investment was £19,000, but it produced a 24 per cent improvement in fuel consumption, which in two years saved almost £12,000 on fuel for one vehicle alone.

The days are gone, the company says, when transport companies simply moved goods: "Companies which will lead the way in the 1990s understand that logistics incorporates all elements of the

tal excellence."

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clothes to a leading high-street fashion chain. Two years of research into everything from vehicle design to delivery methods and finance came up with a new garment hanging system, enabling more to be carried in each truckload, making turnarounds quicker and keeping garments uncreased. The result was fewer trucks, savings of fuel and time and no need for ironing at the shops. The 50 trailers with the new hanging system also have air suspen-sion, which is better for the truck, road, driver and

Tightening European envi-ronment rules will make life difficult for companies that are late to wake up to these new demands. Nobody loves a lorry, as Peter Brinsden, managing director of BOC Distri-bution Services, admits. But he is doing his best to make them lovable by stipulating the

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Wincanton is another transport and logistics company which is aware of the need to be environmentally-friendly. Pat Lee, the company's development director, says most transport companies have made great strides in that direction. It makes business as well as ecological sense: "There is an ever-increasing stream of environmental legislation from Brussels and Whitehall. We ignore it at our peril. Most of it is designed to protect the environment or our health, and nobody can argue with that."

He thinks that the industry will be pushed to go beyond the law's minimum ecological standards as customers become more aware of the labelling scheme introduced last year as a consumer guide. The green badge is awarded only after an independent assessment of the full environmental cost of production. including transport.

The scheme does not yet apply to food, drink or pharmaceuticals, but it could well do so soon. "The value to a brand of being able to display a green loss hardly needs to a green logo hardly needs to be stated," says Mr Lee.



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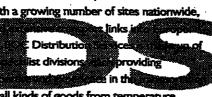




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# On the tide of debate

hen nearly 500 logistics decisionon the cruise ship Canberra they were there for two days of hard work which might improve the quality of supermarket groceries, cut the price of a new car or bring more Euro-pean trade Britain's way. Senior executives expect to

be provided with a high standard of accommodation in which they can listen and discuss and not waste time. Few hotels have enough room to spare and ashore it is too easy for the office to interrupt.

But a ship is different. Once aboard, the passengers are still reachable by ship-toshore phone, but people are more reluctant to bother them. Moreover, they know that all their fellow passengers are interested, and may be experts, in logistics.



All aboard: delegates chat at their floating conference

Logistics '92, the second last month. Even before it began, the organisers, Richmond Events, were opening a waiting list for places at Logistics '93, scheduled for October 13-16.

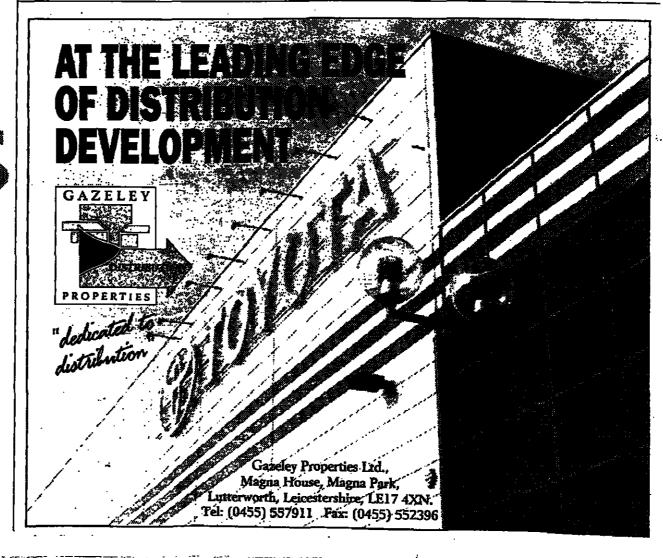
shows that nearly 50 per cent of the delegates were from manufacturing and engineering 25 per cent were retailers;

10 per cent wholesalers, 7 per cent in transport and distribution services — and more than 75 per cent of those represented had a yearly turnover of

Logistics depend on computers the way gardeners depend on spades: doing without them might be possible but is hardly practical. Conseconsultants, contractors and suppliers of everything from mainframe computers to forklift trucks set up shop on

board the ship.
Roger Waplington, supplies and transport operations head for British Gas, said of the conference: "We are keen to reduce overheads and increase customer satisfaction. Logistics '92 has provided an excellent opportunity to look at our strategy and measure panies and industries."

Stephen Quigley, Bass Brewers' supplies planning manager, called the Canberra trip "unique ... there were no



# Business goes with the flow

Greater efficiency, faster service and cost savings are among the

early 40 years after Laura and Bernard Ashley formed their company, it was world-famous, the brand shorthand for a particular style of fashion and furnishings. It had a £300 million turnover through 540 stores in 28 countries, and great potential.

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But it was in a bad way, losing both money and control of its management. That was when Dr Jim Maxmin. a man with an exceedingly sharp eye, was made chief executive.

He found control divided between five major warehouses, an inhouse distribution system plus eight other main transport firms, with ten management systems he described as "largely unconnect-ed". For example, when a Laura Ashley shop in Germany reported a popular line was out of stock, it was told there would be no new supply for four months: yet, it was later found that there were 500 sitting in the company's warehouse in Wales.

What did Dr Maxmin do? He brought in a contract logistics company to sort it all out.

It is planned to cut the value of stock in the supply chain from £60 million to £30 million, cut logistics operating costs by up to 12.5 per cent, close warehouses in Hol-

land and the United States, develop

benefits of logistics management, writes Bill Cater a worldwide mail order capability, and make the Laura Ashley distri-bution centre in mid-Wales a

logistics dearing house through which shops anywhere in the world can be supplied within 48 hours. The ten-year contract, worth at least £150 million, was placed with Business Logistics, a division of Federal Express. Both sides say it is

more than a service contract: they make it sound like a wedding. "We are totally compatible." Dr Maxmin says. "We have a commitment to work together in a spirit of partnership," a Business Logistics spokesman

Logistics companies of all types hanker after this matri-monial ideal: "Take a longer-term view and build genuine long-term partnerships," urges Alan Mathias, chairman of Applied Distribution.

The job of the logistics contractor is supply-chain management im-proving delivery times: reducing product lead times; balancing demand and supply to reduce stocks within the chain and improve operational and cost efficiency.

TNT's newly-formed Business

Development team has won contracts worth £100 million over the next five years with customers including Nissan, Shell, BT, Land Rover, and the Co-op. The "total fulfilment" ideal, says Neil Crossthwaite, managing director of TNT Contract Distribution, involves looking along the supply chain and identifying other areas of activity which can be integrated

The job of the logistics contractor is supplychain management

with the basic distribution service. TNT was involved when Rover adopted the Japanese "just in time" system at Longbridge, banishing stockholding from the factory floor to make room for a new production line. Stock went to a new ware-

house 15 minutes away. From receiving an order to delivering the parts in the precise order in which they will be needed. warehouse has four hours.

Instead of carrying stocks within the factory to cover different car specifications, the stock is ordered from the warehouse and delivered to the point on the production line when and where that one car needs

that particular part. Logistics executives now have responsibility for materials, planning and control in about half of firms surveyed by the European Logistics Association. Logistic exec-

utives are now responsible for sourcing and purchasing in one firm out of three, the survey The integration of logistics

has helped these companies cut costs by an average of 29 per cent in the last five years; they have reduced order cycle time from an average of 23 days to 15; and they have increased reliability by 31

per cent.

To improve further, companies need to forge strong links with customers and suppliers, agree on requirements, and integrate planning. Such collaboration has become a mark of the 1990s. according to Dr Ross Davies, of the Oxford Institute of Retail Manage-

a mass of secondary companies that protect their own patch, but the better companies can see the benefits." he says. "Companies like Sainsbury's and Tesco are working quite closely with companies like Coca-Cola, Mars and Proctor and

"The company that has probably developed it to the highest level is Marks & Spencer ... over a long time they invest in their suppliers

and are very loyal to them.

"Wallmart, the biggest retail company in the world, is now giving hugely valuable scan information to Proctor and Gamble, who are now controlling the inventory supply going into those stores. Wallmart are unloading some of their costs, but they are also

building a relationship of trust."

Andersen Consulting made a study for a group of leading European retailers and Coca-Cola of Fast Flow Replenishment, the retailers' equivalent of industry's

"just in time" method.

John Hollis, an Andersen partner, says: "FFR is the future for the grocery industry in Europe, but it has dramatic organisational consequences - not least in its implicit dependence on shared information and partnership between retailers and their suppliers."



Reflecting on logistics: Dr Jim Maxmin, of Laura Ashley

# The heat is on for deliveries

The chilled-food industry is paying even greater attention to its logistics



f the supermarket chains and their suppliers have been at the sharp end of the logistics process in industry, the chilled-food side of their business is at the sharp end's sharp end. And new legislation will make matters

sharper still Faulty delivery patterns, which cause over-stocking. cost money. Faults which leave empty shelves disappoint customers. But delays or other faults which take the

Next April, stricter food safety rules will, for example, demand that many chilled toods, now distributed at 8°C under interim standards. ust in future not be allowed

to rise above 5°C.
"It seems like a small drop in temperature, but the implications are dramatic for any company whose monitoring and control system is less iban perfect." Peter Brinsden. managing director for BOC listribution services, says.

Those who are operating on the borderline now will not be able to

His own company, one of the largest in the market. istributes chilled and other

foods to the major retail and wholesale chains, and has a specialised operation distributing nearly 90 per cent of Marks & Spencer's food from regional centres to stores, an operation involving 1,800 em-

ployees and 340 trucks. BOC staff check the chilled food's temperature before loading on to vehicles fitted with temperature recorders, so drivers can spot any sign of the cargo rising above accepted limits. Customers can be

given a temperature print-out. There's no magic about meeting hygiene legislation." Mr Brinsden says.

But it does demand the right equipment and scrupulous attention to detail."

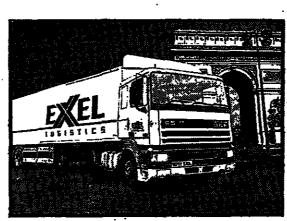
All logistics systems need to take account of varying levels of demand — supermarkets are busiest at the end of the week, soft drinks sell faster in summer - but flowers and plants have their own additional peaks of demand.

One retailer reckons the trade is three times above average for Mother's Day. twice the average at Christmas and up, too, around Easter, the date of which depends on the full moon ...

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# Indian death toll tops 200

At least 200 people were killed and 1,000 injured when riots erupted across India after the demolition of an ancient mosque by Hindu militants on Sunday. Police said they shot dead 40 rioters in Bombay and the death toll across India was expected to rise sharply.

Paramilitary police were poised to retake Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, occupied by tens of thousands of Hindus flushed with success after they razed the Muslim building. A senior officer said: "We are preparing to move"......Pages 1, 9

#### US troops ready to enter Somalia

■ Hundreds of US marines are expected to fly by helicopter into Somalia at dawn tomorrow in the first stage of Operation Restore Hope. The marines will secure the airports at Mogadishu, the capital, and at Baidoa....

#### Poll blow

With only four days to go to until the Edinburgh summit, an opinion poll has shown that, 75 per cent of Britons want a referendum on Britain's future in the Community before it ratifies the Maastricht treaty and that more than half believe the UK has not Convoy safe gained from the EC Pages 1, 11

#### Triple killer jailed

A man who stabbed a London police sergeant to death and killed two other people during an eight-day crime spree was sentenced at the Old Bailey to five life terms yesterday, with a recommendation that he should serve at least 25 years .... Page 3

#### Police plea

The Home Office is resisting pressure by the police for an extension to their powers to stop and search vehicles in their attempts to stop IRA bombers getting through...

#### Horrific image

The campaign against drinkdriving was launched last night with a television commercial so vivid it will not be screened until after the 9pm watershed Page 4

#### Gatt setback

Europe's solidarity on the farm trade deal struck between the EC and America crumbled further as more governments threw their weight behind France's opposition. Laurits Toemaes, the Danish farm minister, said that he considered the accord only as "a

#### Protecting children

Sweeping changes in the way staff are selected for children's homes were announced by the government to prevent paedophiles from gaining access to vulnerable youngsters .... Page 5

A UN convoy, escorted through Serbian lines by British vehicles, arrived safely in the northern Bosnian town of Tuzla after 50 British soldiers had to spend a freezing night in their armoured ..Page 10

#### Expensive Britain

High prices for tobacco and alcohol help to make Britain the fifth dearest country in a review of prices of everyday items in 13 ... Page 4

#### Soldiers killed

Muslim gunmen shot dead three Israeli soldiers in the occupied Gaza Strip to mark the fifth anniversary of the Palestinian revolt against Israel......Page 9

#### Star Wars request

Russia is showing great interest in developing with the Americans a global protection system against ballistic missiles, said Henry Cooper, director of the American "Star Wars" programme ... . Page 8

#### **Board example**

Pay restraint has reached the boardroom, with directors' rises in the past 12 months averaging 5 per cent, little more than those ... Page 11 of their employees......... Page 6

#### Householders plead to pay more

Councils and estate agents report that many householders are planning to appeal against their council tax banding because they think they have been put in too low a band. The extra ntial boost to their property than compensates for higher local taxes, as they think the bands will be used as a guide to house prices...



Irrigation: Belgian police fire water cannon at farmers demonstrating at a Brussels meeting of EC agricultural ministers. Page 11

More credit: An unexpected rise in the amount of consumer debt during October has provided another hint of renewed economic activity, backing claims by retailers that they are beginning to see more courage from shoppers..... Page 21

Gas row: The simmering dispute between British Gas and Sir James McKinnon, director- general of the Office of Gas Supply, reached boiling point as the regulator said company must make dramatic cuts to charges passed on to consumers to cover the cost of its pipeline . Page 21 network.

Markets: Sterling continued its strong run on the foreign exchange, rising 2.25 cents to \$1.5825 and .47 plennigs to DM2.4893. The FT-SE 100 index closed down 4.9 at 2,754.5Page 24

Rugby: If the recent pattern of the University rugby union match continues, Oxford should beat Cambridge at Twickenham today. For the last six seasons, the sides have won on alternate years ..... Page 38 Tennis: In the wake of the United

States tennis team's victory over Switzerland in the Davis Cup final at the weekend, John McEnroe has become the most likely candidate for American captain ...... Page 36 Athletics: Liz McColgan is set to become the world's highest-paid ing a deal worth close to £500,000 to compete in the next three London Marathons...... Page 40

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Fingers crossed: Starfling faults are coming to light in hospital emergency departments. Peter Kingston reports on the dangers that follow accidents as described in a three-year study...... Page 13

Laying down the law: Do people want a democratically persuasive leader, or do they prefer a dictatorial person? Anthony Storr looks at group psychology and finds that the answer depends entirely on circumstances... .. Page 13

Virus alert: Hepatitis C is now affecting between one in 1,000 and one in 3,000 of the population and up to 300,000 people in Britain could have the virus. How should the problem be tackled? ... Page 13

Bill Clinton is to be

assured by the British

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Juvenile rubbish: Why do some youth-oriented programmes address their intended audiences as oafish illiterates?..... Gray matter: Alan Bates gives an excellent performance in a "sub-

standard" television drama by Simon Gray... ... Page 33 Plare visitor: Jiri Kylian, artistic director of the Nederlands Dans Theater, among the best, explains why the company has not visited

Britain since 1975 ..... Page 34

The Princess Royal

has still managed to

keep several secrets

wedding, some details

of which leaked out at

the weekend

Demagogues disinterred: Geoff Brown reports from a festival of "rediscovered cinema", featuring films from the Thirties and Forties celebrating Stalin, Mussolini and

Off the road: Callum Murray looks at the likely impact of 22 experimental rehabilitation courses which are to be introduced at centres around the country to help drink driving offenders .... Page 12

Scotland the aggreeved: This week Lothian will play host to an international concord for the first time since since July 1560, when the Treaty of Edinburgh ended French domination of Scotland. Alice Thomson reports ...... Page 12

Private talk: Frances Gibb reports on the first Times legal forum in which there was strong pressure for new laws on privacy ...... Page 29

Jane Fonda, who

popularised aerobics

tapes, was criticised

for potentially dan-

gerous exercises by the Consumers'

Association

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How can somebody so evil as Hit. ler become an object of fun? Linal Haft explores the portrayal of the Führer (Ch 4, 9pm)

After 60 years and despite a revolution in cinema special effects, King Kong still wields a terrifying spei (BBC1, 11.15pm)......Page 39

#### Race against demons

The Indian prime minister, Mr Narasimha Rao, has only a day or two to recapture the initiative: he is in a race with the demons of securian hatred.... -Page 15

#### Referendum time

Politicians on both sides should step down from their normal party podiums and allow the country in make up its own mind on the treaty's merits.... Page 15

#### Household bands

The new urge to pay more rather than less council tax is a sign that the legislators have got it right for

# CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

The India that is now shaping up is going to be an uncomfortable place for many of its present inhabitants Muslims with the means to do so are probably thinking of ...... Page 14 .

#### LYNNE TRUSS I have every reason to suik, Work-

ing at home all day I am prime survey fodder, and am forever popping to the door to help out stalisticians in such mundane matters as brand awareness and washing machine ownershipPage 14

#### JANET DALEY

What on earth is going on in homes which are intended for children who are in need of care and protection? ......Page 14

Sir David Goodall suggests a scheme for making the press man responsible in its dealings with the royal family — a morality audit in editors ..... ...Page 15

Capitalism, American leadership and property rights look to be very much what the starving of Somala very much want —The Wall Street Journal

The decision to get involved in Somalia was relatively easy: dear need, little risk. But interveningin war, as in what was formerly Yogi slavia, would involve massive conmitments and bloodshed

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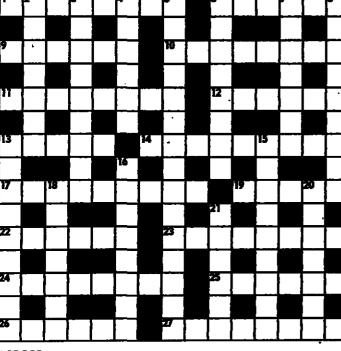
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- I Old dandy seen in a carriage just after joining motorway (8).

  6 The tradition of business patron-
- 9 Gear for soldier sent back to intervene in riot (3-3).
- 10 West Yorkshire fellow consuming prodigious meals (8).
- 11 Scholar introducing glassy material in old church (8). 12 A redhead lay about in an
- 13 Last of sheep allowed out of a fold
- 14 One who greatly values his post as finance officer (9). 17 Great help, it turns out, when communicating in the bush (9).
- 19 Comedy produced by a church-goer in Birkenhead (5).
- 22 Spur is visible, they say (6). 23 Duck is swallowed by wild otter
- or chelonian reptile (8).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,095



- 24 Indian cooking, or toad in batœr? (8).
- 25 Cold refreshment for the Sabbath, say (6).

  26 Bill of exchange that's recognised in Rome and Paris (6).
- 27 Source of riches found by king on leaving capital with president (8).
- upset (7).

  3 Hate to be a man in endless turmoil (9).
- Equipment not acceptable if climbing to top of tower (6). Climb supposedly having little support in Simia? (6,4-5).

2 Maid causing a considerable

- 6 Big business see girl is on the way
- up (8). 7 Percussive instrument a doctor used during a spell of duty (7).

  8 Caged exhibition of game set out
- around northern lake (9). 13 Like chauvinists quietly taking
- port in an upper room (9). 15 Plain girl-sailors embrace same man (9).
- 16 Increased total sounds ghastly
- 18 Authorisation for debauchery
- 20 Former Ukrainian cavairyman produces the commander's wine (7).
- 21 Painting a student has left in the open air (6).

Coacise Crossword, page 40

#### Much of central and eastern England will be cloudy at first with a little rain. While northwest Scotland is likely to have some frost and patchy fog for a time, most western areas will be bright with some sunshine and isolated showers. This brighter weather will spread eastwards. Towards dusk, patchy rain will reach northwest Scotland, spreading into other parts of Scotland later. Outlook: rain in north and west, mainly bright elsewhere.

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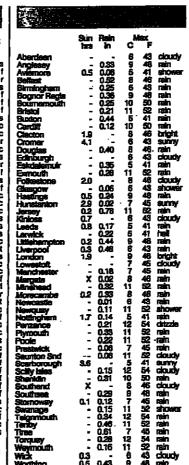
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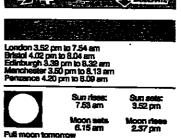
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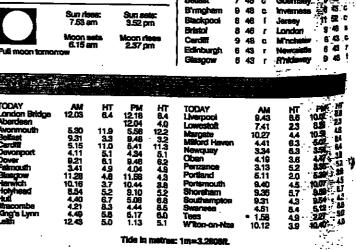


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The spectacular collapse of GPA's \$800 million share offer has shattered the confidence of investors Page 25

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Nuclear Electric incurred interim losses of £46 million, but insists it can achieve

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The rule prohibiting legal recourse to Hansard encouraged unfairness, writes David Pannick Page 29

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# Watchdog tells British Gas to cut charges

By PATRICIA TEHAN

THE simmering dispute be-tween British Gas and Sir James McKinnon, director-general of the Office of Gas Supply, reached boiling point again yesterday as the regulator said the privatised utility must cut charges passed on to consumers to pay for its pipeline network. Sir James believes a reason-

able rate of return for British Gas on gas transportation should be between 2.5 and 5 per cent. This compares with the 4.5 per cent rate of return imposed by Ofgas in 1989 and British Gas's suggested 6.7 per cent.

Philip Rogerson, managing director of finance at British responded angrily: "Ofgas has used selective and inappropriate data from which it has drawn the wrong

He criticised Ofgas's decision to compare British Gas returns to those achieved by

£402 million sale of its Gard-

ner Merchant contract cater-

ing business, the biggest in

Britain, and announced the

£64 million purchase of the

Relais motorway service chain

Gardner Merchant is being

sold to a consortium led by CINVen, the venture capital

group backed by the British Coal, British Rail and

Barclays Bank pension funds.

Forte will keep 24.8 per cent of

the equity, and the manage-ment, including 940 employ-ees of the business, will at first

have 8 per cent, set to increase

if performance targets are met.

Merchant chief executive, said the most likely outcome was a stock market flotation in three

or four years' time. The busi-

ness has been up for sale for

much of the past year since plans for a flotation were

abandoned, and various buy-

ers have held talks with Forte.

During that period, Mr

Hawkes said, profits had risen

10 per cent in spite of the

recession, from a reported figure of £33 million before

Other institutional investors

are Charterhouse, Candover,

Legal & General and Pruden-

tial. Gardner Merchant has

44,000 employees worldwide, 30,000 of them in Britain,

and operates in 16 countries.

considered a number of dis-

posal options and concluded

that the CINVen proposal

offered both an attractive price

in cash and the chance of

holding a significant invest-

ment in Gardner Merchant.

Rocco Forte, the chairman of Forte, said the board had

interest and tax.

Garry Hawkes, the Gardner

in France.

**Gardner Merchant** 

sold for £402m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

FORTE has confirmed the He said there were no higher

offers on the table

Mr Forte said the group

would focus increasingly on

branded hotels and restau-

rants, and the next decade

would present attractive op-

portunities as the world hotel

industry consolidated and the

big international operators

strengthened their positions.

Forte's initial expansion

would be in Europe, mainly by

The proceeds of disposal,

more than £300 million after

tax and costs, would be used to

reduce borrowings and bring

gearing down to 34 per cent.

Forte plans to develop branded roadside restaurant

chains across Europe. Forte is

buying Sogerba, owner of the

Relais chain, from Wagons-

Lits, whose main shareholder

is Accor, the hotel and catering

company. Sogerba has 52

restaurants and four motor-

way service stations.

ventures with local partners.

Ofgas, the British Gas regulator, has suggested to the Monopolies Commission that the return on gas pipelines should be set at between 2.5 and 5 per cent

to those of other utilities in Britain. He added that the Ofgas suggestions were not consistent with the estimated rate of return of between 5 and 7 per cent used by Ofgas when setting the British Gas tariff formula last year.

Sir James' comments sent British Gas shares down 4p to 274p. Steve Turner, gas mar-ket analyst with Smith New Court, said the Ofgas suggested rates of return are lower than the City expected. Sir James said his suggested rates of return have been submitted to the Monopolies and Merg-ers Commission that is investigating the British gas market. The row between the two over rates of return on British Gas's pipeline and storage business led to a full referral of British

Gas and the gas market to the MMC in August.

Ofgas wanted to refer just the transportation and storage business but British Gas persuaded Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, to agree to a market despite the risk that the MMC could end its monopoly in the consumer market. It is now up to British Gas to convince the MMC that its higher returns are justified.

But Mr Turner said: "If the MMC gives British Gas a higher rate of return it will slow down competition" by increasing costs for potential

The latest argument with Ofgas came on the eve of the sixth anniversary, today, of British Gas's flotation.

Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas, is today expected to attack Sir James in a speech to a gas market conference. He is likely to criticise "piecemeal regula-tion", which he believes has threatened British Gas's ability to finance its future supply system. He is also expected to argue that the current 4.5 per cent rate of return is uneconomic and was seen as a temporary measure to help

competitors establish. British Gas is arguing for a 6.7 per cent rate of return on existing assets and 10.8 per cent from new investments. Sir James said: "It is important to get the balance right between the interests of the gas consumers and the interests of

the pipeline operator." He said Ofgas must ensure British Gas has an incentive to continue to invest in its pipe-line assets, but added: "For every I per cent that British Gas earns on its asset base, approximately £200 million is taken out of consumers' pockets, thus the rate of return must be no more and no less

than reasonable." Ian Powe, director of the Gas Consumers Council, said: The dispute about rates of return obscures the real issue of who should own the UK gas transmission system. It is a natural monopoly which, if divested from British Gas, could provide a reasonable return for low risk investment while keeping down the transmission cost element of UK gas prices. If the pipelines stay with British Gas, and at high rates of return, it is inevitable

that gas prices will rise." But Mr Rogerson said: "We are surprised to read these comments, which appear to have completely missed the point. The rate of return on pipelines must adequately reward investment regardless of ownership."

British Gas has agreed to run the transportation and storage business as an armslength subsidiary from 1994.



Potential for long-term demand: Alan Jones, of Westland, which is gearing up for the new generation of helicopters

# Westland orders take off

By Graham Searjeant FINANCIAL EDITOR

AFTER a series of lean years, Westland Group is gearing up to produce the new generation of EH101 helicopters it has developed in conjunction with Agusta, its Italian partner in EH Industries. In the year to October 2, it booked £1.2 billion of orders, mainly for 44 EH101 Merlin version helicopters for the Royal Navy. Since the year end, the Canadian government has ordered 50 of the search and rescue

First EH101 deliveries are not due until 1995-6, but Westland invested £12 million in the programme last year and is building up tooling. Alan Jones, the chief executive, sees a potential long-term demand for 750 EH101's for military and civil use.

Meanwhile, cost cutting has enabled Westland to raise overall sales margins from 8 to 8.9 per cent and increase pretax profits 1 I per cent to £26.3 million, despite a 10 per cent drop in turnover to £422 million. The dividend rises to 4.25p (4p) from earnings of 13.2p (13.1p). Sir Leslie Fletcher, the chairman, said: "Above all, the group is being managed to compete in to-

day's market conditions." Westland Aerospace, which makes structural aircraft components, improved profits slightly despite cuts in demand on long-term contracts. Westland Technologies, which makes aircraft air conditioning systems that do not use CFCs, has won a development contract for railway use In the current year, West-

from Deutsche Bundesbahn. land expects contracts to upgrade helicopters and preproduction work on EH101 contracts to offset lower deliveries of new helicopters.

# **Consumers start borrowing**

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

AN UNEXPECTED rise in the amount of consumer debt during October has provided another hint of renewed economic activity, tending to back up claims by retailers that they are beginning to see a touch more courage from shoppers.

The amount of consumer debt outstanding rose by £76 million, Central Statistical Office figures showed, in contrast to net repayments by consumers in the previous two months. Within this total, there was a net fall of £32 million in credit card debt, suggesting consumers are still trying to pay off their credit card bills. But there was also a healthy £117 million rise in

tend to lend money for big ticket items such as cars. A Treasury spokesman said the rise in net finance lending was the largest since April last

year but he would reserve judgment on whether this constitutes the beginnings of a consumer revival until November's retail sales figures are published next week. Private economists focused on the rise in finance house

lending. Ian Shepherdson, of Midland Global Markets, said the increase reflected a small gain in new car sales and increased buying of household goods as more people are moving house. Inland Revenue figures loans from finance houses that showed that the number of

deals in the housing market had risen sharply in the three months to August.

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whether October's figures will develop into a more healthy overall trend. Figures for conbeen rising and falling from month to month, and the government will look for signs that the borrowing will be sustained in the New Year.

Balancing out the good news on credit outstanding was a fall in new credit advanced to consumers. In October, new credit reached a seasonally adjusted £3.8 billion (£4.4 billion, September).

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# Tomkins succeeds with bid for RHM

By Martin Waller and Jon Ashworth

THE purchase by Tomkins, the congiomerate best known for Smith & Wesson handguns, of a large slice of the British bread industry, derided in the City a month ago as lacking industrial logic, has

succeeded ahead of schedule. Last night, acceptances from Ranks Hovis McDougall, the baker that owns a range of brands including Mr Kipling, Saxa and Bisto, were still being counted, but it was estimated that perhaps 80 per cent of shareholders had indicated their support for Tomkins 1935 million offer at

the first closing date. There was some surprise that such a high proportion of the equity should have been voted in favour of the offer so early. City takeovers such as this - a previous approach by Hanson, worth £790 million, was withdrawn — are usually much more drawn out, with investors inclined to leave their votes to the last moment in case a further bidder enters the fray.

Tomkins said last night that the total number of RHM shares it owned or which had accepted the offer was in excess of 50 per cent, allowing it to declare the offer unconditional as to acceptances.

The group has already had a strong vote of confidence from its own shareholders, with the result of the £653 million rights issue to fund the RHM bid. This achieved support from more than 90 per cent of shareholders. RHM was also backing the Tomkins bid.

Greg Hutchings, the Tomkins chief executive who worked for Lord Hanson in the 1970s, said: "I am absolutely delighted that our offer has been successful and now look forward to getting on with the work that needs to be done to extract the rewards for our shareholders." Analysis had earlier feared that Mr Hutchings had been tempted into bidding too high a price and was moving

into a business where he had no

experience. Mark Duffy, at SG Warburg Securities, said concern over RHM's ability to pay its final dividend had proved decisive in the battle. He said: "One of the lessons for the food sector is that people were too concerned about the underlying business and very few analysts were concerned about the company's ability to pay its final dividend. It was that weakness that sank them."

Tim Potter, at Smith New Court, said the market was bracing itself for a wave of redundancies in RHM's milling and baking division. "Tomkins' timing was very good. They are getting Ranks Hovis at the bottom of its recovery cycle.

"We're not expecting any wholesale divestments. It looks as though Hutchings wants to keep the business more or less intact. One must give him a pat on the back, but the food industry is quite a bit different to making guns and

# **Short-term** health of ICI pleases City

ICI seems keen to push ahead with a demerger of its life science business. However, the City thinks that now is not a good time as prospects for next year are flat

By GEORGE SIVELL

IC1 Pharmaceuticals says it has more than made up for the lost sales of Tenormin, its heart drug, which was opened up to cheaper competition in September last year. ICI's pharmaceuticals divi-

sion is part of Zeneca, a group of bioscience companies that ICI plans to demerge next

Analysts said after an ICI presentation to the City yesterday that the latest news from the group offered comfort in the near term and hope for the medium term.

But they added that it remained to be seen whether there was enough mediumterm hope for shareholders to translate into action when it came to supporting the rights issue expected if the demerger is approved by the ICI board in February. ICI shares fell I lp to 1025p yesterday.

Analysts said that they expected profits at ICI Pharmaceuticals to be static next year but that they would start growing at a reasonable rate in 1994. Analysts said they



Sir Denys: growth in 1994

what ICI said about its portfo-

lio of developing drugs.
However, they still believe ICI, of which Sir Denys Henderson is chairman, would be better to hold off the demerger until the market could focus on the expected growth in

Tenormin, a beta-blocker, is the largest selling drug yet to face competition from generic products made by rivals. which are able to manufacture and sell them once a drug goes

But in its presentation yesterday, ICI Pharmaceuticals forecast that it had increased sales of Zestril, another heart drug. Zoladex, a cancer drug, and Diprivan, an intravenous anaesthetic, to compensate for the greater than expected loss of sales of Tenormin.

Tenormin sales had fallen 50 per cent so far but were expected to stabilize at above 25 per cent of previous levels.

ICI Pharmaceuticals says it has stopped work on six or seven drugs this year as part of its efforts to develop drugs that offer the most attractive returns and limit research and development spending to 15-16 per cent of sales.

ICI Pharmaceuticals wants to have one new drug a year coming on to the market. In the pipeline already are five drugs undergoing final clinical trials.

These are Merrem, a broad spectrum antibiotic; Casodex, used to treat prostate cancer: Arimidex, for breast cancer; a drug currently known as 204636 to treat schizophrenia; and Accolate, to treat

ICI has no fewer than seven cardiovascular, cancer, arthritis and respiratory drugs undergoing early clinical trials.

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High flyer: Lord Tebbit with Lord King, chairman of BA, at the award hunch at the Savoy Hotel yesterday

# **Touche Remnant purchase boosts Henderson shares**

By SARAH BAGNALL

HENDERSON Administration's long-awaited acquisition of Touche Remnant, a rival fund management company. which will create a group with more than £10 billion of funds under management, sent the Henderson share price up 47p to 685p. Jeremy Edwards, Hender-

son's group managing director, said that the acquisition not only significantly boosted the level of funds under management but also created the largest manager of investment trusts. Touche Remnant is a leader in this market, with ten trusts under management. accounting for £1.3 billion of assets. The enlarged group will manage E2.4 billion of assets on behalf of 18 trusts. To fund the £42.5 million acquisition, £27 million of which is for goodwill, Henderson is delving into its cash reserves of £55 million. The purchase, which includes assets of £15.5 million and cash reserves of £17.2 million, will leave the enlarged group with net cash balances of £25

Mr Edwards said that overheads would be reduced significantly, although the nature of rationalisation is still under consideration. Job cuts are are expected among the 160 Touche Remnant staff. An immediate cost saving of

£2.5 million a year has been achieved as a result of an agreement by Société Générale, Touche Remnant's vendor, to take on Touche Remnant's 22-year lease at Puddle Dock. Touche, which last year

eported a loss before tax of £700,000 on revenue of £14.1 million, has greater scope for cost savings with £2 billion of funds under management. He will be repsonsible for the and operating costs of £16 retail division.

million, compared with Henderson's figures of £8 billion and £33 million. The acquisition is subject to shareholder approval, which is being sought at an extraordinary

meeting on December 21. Henderson's profits have slipped over the past year. In November, the company reported a 26 per cent fall in taxable profits to £6.5 million for the six months to Septem-

Mr Edwards said he expected the enlarged group to show an enhancement in earnings in the next financial year and a further benefit in the following year".

Touche will be represented

on the combined group's board by Paul Manduca. who joins the 11 executive and four non-executive directors as deputy group managing director.

# Business award for King

LORD King of Wartnaby, the chairman of British Airways who is due to become life president on his 76th birthday next July, was named Businessman of the Year 1992 at an award lunch at the

Savoy Hotel The award, presented by Sir Christopher Benson and sponsored jointly by JO Ham-bro and the Joint British Cancer Charities Committee, was given tohim "in recogni-tion of a lifelong commitment to the cause of making British industry more competitive".

The citation said it was "for the ambition, commitment and sheer willpower which have transformed British Air-

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#### ways in the space of 11 years from an embarrassing shambles into the best possible national flag carrier - the most successful and profitable large airline in the world".

# Allianz-Dresdner moves approved

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

WITH the single European market just over three weeks away, the cartel office in Berlin has given its blessing to the cooperation plans in the insurance business between Allianz, Europe's biggest insurer, and Dresdner Bank, Germany's second largest commercial

The competition authority decided last March that Allianz, whose headquarters is in Munich, had to pare its holding in Dresdner in a ruling widely seen as a serious attack on two of Germany's leading institutions and on the cosy relationships at the heart of the German financial system.

In a joint statement, Allianz and Dresdner said the cartel office, which had partly backed down at the end of September by judging that Allianz would no longer have to reduce its 22.3 per cent stake in Dresdner, now has no reservations against the cooperation plans of the two companies. Co-operation strategy was the subject of detailed investigation.

After months of uncertainty, the statement said, the cartel office had created a "clear situation" for strengthening

co-operation between the two companies. Wolfgang Röller, Dresdner's managing board chairman, speaking in Frankfurt on the bank's better than expected ten-month figures. welcomed the cartel office decision as recognition of the companies view that co-opera-tion would not put them in a dominant market position in Germany.

Moves this year by Deut-sche Bank, the leading German bank, and Assurances Générales de France into Ger-many's almost DM 170 billion insurance market have altered the insurance landscape considerably, probably a key factor in persuading the cartel office to drop its objections to the Allianz-Dresdner

Dresdner said it expects a satisfactory full-year result, de-spite further bad debt provision. In the first 10 months of 1992, the group's operating profit rose 18.6 per cent to DM2.09 billion. Herr Röller said Dresdner should use this year's earnings to boost its capital base and raise reserves rather than increase its dividend. For 1991, the bank paid a dividend of DM12.

# BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# DHL and Inmos plans will create 600 jobs

MORE than 600 jobs are being created by two company initiatives. One is in microelectronics, in which QPL International, of Hong Kong, is taking a major stake in a new company that will run the Inmos wafer fabrication facility at Newport, Gwent. The other is in express parcel delivery, involving DHL International.

DHL intends to increase its workforce in the UK by 332 over the next 12 months, an increase of 23 per cent. The impact will be in the South East initially. At Inmos, an estimated 280 jobs will be created over the next three years. The operation, which employs 220 people currently, had been threatened with closure at the end of next year because of a lack of additional investment. SGS-Thomson Microelectronics, Inmos's owner, announced a deal with QPL International to run the Immos facility with a new company in which QPL is taking a 70 per cent stake and SGS-

# TWA deal agreed

TRANS World Airlines has reached an agreement in principle between its creditors, its unions, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp, and Carl Icahn, its present owner. Unsecured creditors will own 55 per cent of a reorganised TWA, while employees will own 45 per cent. The airline's plan was scheduled to be submitted to US Bankruptcy Court on January 12. TWA said Mr Icahn would relinquish control on final court approval and contribute his stock and bonds to

## **Touche Ross advances**

DELOITTE Touche Tohmatsu International, the global accounting, consulting and tax firm, increased worldwide fee income 7 per cent to \$4.8 billion in the year to end-September. Touche Ross, the company's UK side, increased fee income 16 per cent to £349.7 million (£302.2 million) in the year to April 15. Meanwhile, the transport department has appointed KPMG Peat Marwick to act as financial adviser on the proposed sale of DVOIT, the information technology division of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency.

# Cupid founder resigns

SHARES in Cupid dived 32p to 53p after the Pronuptia wedding dress to Youngs formal wear group reported interim pre-tax losses of £168,000 in the six months to end-September, (£93,000 profit) and announced the resignation of Michael Murray, its founder and chief executive. Mr Murray has received "modest" compensation. Richard Lee, chairman, has accepted the appointment as chief executive for the time being. There is a 1.27p loss per share (0.85p earnings). Again, there is no interim dividend.

# Wellman cuts payout

WELLMAN, the specialist engineer, is cutting its interim dividend from 0.8p to 0.3p a share, and has indicated that the year's final will not be less than 0.6p, compared with the 1.4p a share final dividend paid previously. The company. which says a direct comparison with previous interim results is not strictly valid, reported pre-tax profits for the six months ended September 30 of £321,000, compared with £344,000 previously, on a turnover of £13.4 million (£13.7 million). The shares rose \( \pm \) to 26\( \pm \).

# In Shops profit lower

IN SHOPS, the Birmingham property group that emerged in the summer as a prospective bidder for Amber Day, the discount retailer, saw pre-tax profits dip to £903,000 (£1.05 million) in the six months to end-September. Turnover increased to £12.2 million (£11.1 million). Earnings per share were 1.7p (2.05p). There is an unchanged interim dividend of 0.66p. The impact of the recession has particularly affected the group's executive centre division and its southern retail

#### Tunstall recovers

PROFITS at Tunstall Group, the security equipment company, recovered from £4.37 million to £5.3 million last year, while cash balances rose £2 million to £4.3 million. An extraordinary charge of £2.55 million, however, leaves net profits down from £2.47 million to £886,000. Michael Dawson, the chairman, said that despite adverse economic conditions, a further year of progress was anticipated. A final dividend of 3.75p a share makes 6p for the year (5.35p). Earnings rose from 17.4p a share to 21.6p.

## Faber Prest up 53%

SHARES in Faber Prest rose 20p to 350p yesterday as the industrial and distribution services group announced pre-tax profits up 53 per cent to £4.8 million (£3.1 million) in the year to end-September. The shares later eased to 343p. Redundancy and reorganisation costs depressed the results last time. Turnover eased to £66.1 million (£76.7 million) and operating profits were little changed at £5.3 million (£5.2 million). A final dividend of 7.7p (4.3p) a share makes a total of 12p (8.6p) for the year.

#### Acal raises dividend

ACAL, the USM-quoted electronic and industrial controls distributor, is raising its interim dividend to 2.1p (1.95p) a share despite a 12.2 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £1.34 million in the six months to end-September. Group sales climbed to £30.9 million (£29.1 million). Betea Components. the recently acquired Belgian components distributor, is expected to contribute about £3 million to this year's sales. Earnings dip to 6.3p (7.1p) a share. The shares were unchanged at 221p.

# Amex chief backs Golub as successor

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

AMERICAN Express, the financial services company that this year settled a costly legal battle over alleged age discrimination for sacking managers over 40, looks set next year to replace James Robinson, its chairman and chief executive officer, with a man in his 50s.

In a letter to Amex staff. Mr Robinson, whose star fell long ago as far as Wall Street is concerned, gave an open endorsement of Harvey Golub. 53. the Amex president and his partner in the office of chairman, as the "obvious internal candidate" to take the helm. The market gave its verdict, pushing Amex shares higher in the hope that Mr Golub will put back the shine

on the Amex empire. Mr Robinson sought to foster the idea that a smooth transition at the top of the world's second largest diversified financial services group will be effected by the Robinson-Golub duo.

Only 42 when picked to lead Amex, Mr Robinson also came from within the organisation, suggesting the group prefers in-house replacements. Outside candidates are, however, still being sized up by a committee of directors.

The company's New York headquarters was forced to issue a statement confirming reports that Mr Robinson. chairman for the past 15 years, plans to step down "sometime next year". It was reacting to recent American press coverage claiming that the chairman had been com-



Robinson: leaving

pelled in a boardroom coup to seek his own successor. Indeed, Mike O'Neill the Amex spokesman, insisted yesterday that it was Mr Robinson who, over an informal dinner in September.

asked for and

authorisation from his directors to initiate the process of an orderly succession. With assets of \$146 billion and revenue of \$27 billion. Amex is under pressure to

make sure it is heading steadily in the right direction. After several years of earnings problems, investors appear p have lost confidence in Mr Robinson, once regarded as something of a corporate

While conceding in an interview that Amex had become arrogant, insensitive deeply stuck in its ways and heavily bureaucratic, Mr Robinson stressed in his stuff letter, the "substantial headway" made in strengthening the group's balance sheet rebuilding brand franchise and restoring the profitability of its stockbroking and investSubside operation of Nuc

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NUCLEAR Electric, the state-

owned atomic generator, in-

creased its operating profits 21 per cent in the six months to end-September, to £252 mil-

lion, thanks to a £632 million

subsidy from the government.

Bob Hawley, Nuclear Elec-tric's chief executive, said the

company hoped to make a

profit without the help of the

subsidy from the non-fossil

fuel obligation, the so-called "nuclear levy", by 1995.
Without the subsidy, worth

£1.2 billion this year. Nuclear

Electric would have made a £380 million operating loss

after decommissioning and

fuel reprocessing costs.

At the pre-tax level, Nuclear

Electric reported a £46 million loss after a £267 million

provision for the cost of repro-

BRITAIN'S shopkeepers are at last seeing the start of more buoyant sales, encouraging them to look for a better

Christmas than last year, the

Retail Consortium says.

The consortium, which speaks for about 90 per cent of

retailers, said reports from the

trade showed that a lot of

people have been in the shops

and retailers say sales have

Consumer confidence had

been showing signs of reviving

in late summer only to be

**BP** raises

oil and gas

reserves

BP said it was adding 600

million barrels of oil and gas

equivalent to its 1992 reserves.

more than replacing the 540

million barrels of expected

The new reserves include an

initial 225 million barrels

from the Cusiana field in

Colombia. BP confirmed that

development plans for Cus-

iana were progressing well. Work on full scale production

was expected to begin next year leading to production of

150,000 barrels a day by the end of 1995. John Browne,

head of BP Exploration, said: The work done so far shows

that the development costs will be no more than \$2 a barrel

and that lifting and transpor-tation costs will be around

Cranswick rises

Cranswick, the USM-quoted

food company, reported pre-tax profits up 47 per cent to £968,000 in the six months to

September 26. Turnover rose

to £49.6 million (£37.8 mil-

lion). Earnings per share were

6.4p (6.3p). There is an inter-

Rolfe & Nolan, the computer

specialist, reported pre-tax profits of £707,000 (£704,000)

in the six months to end-August. Turnover rose to £5.3 million (£3.3 million). Earn-

ings per share were 8.9p (8.5p). There is an interim div-

idend of 2.55p (2.3p).

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Rolfe ahead

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production for the year.

been "fairly good"

Subsidy generates

operating profit

ageing generating equipment. This compares with a £374

million pre-tax profit in the six

months to September last

year, helped by an exceptional

£420 million profit from writing back provisions after the

agreement of new fixed-price contracts with British Nuclear

Nuclear Electric has its

sights on the government's review of the nuclear industry

in 1994 and is keen to be seen

as on the way towards being financially viable. It is also

nervous about the government

review of the coal industry, fearing it could lead to the closure of the aging first generation Magnox stations.

John Collier, chairman of

Nuclear Electric, hoped the

crushed by the black Wednes-

day devaluation in September.

The consortium believes the

earlier trend might be re-

been patchy, with obvious gift areas such as perfumery and

toiletries showing up best. Clothing and shoe sales have

also improved. But huxury

items generally are still stalled

and products related to the

housing market, such as furni-

ture and carpets, remain in the

doldrums although DIY has

seen marginal improvement.

camcorders and hi-fi equip-

ment have shown possibly the

biggest sales improvement,

There is no evidence so far

of a Christmas surge in sales

in the weekly returns of the

which has more than 20

department stores. In the week ended November 28,

department store sales were

down 1.3 per cent. The part-

nership believes that Christ-mas falling on a Friday means

AMSTRAD shares fell 4p to

24p yesterday on market fears

that shareholders will reject

Alan Sugar's offer to buy them

Mr Sugar said previously:

"If shareholders do not accept

my 30p offer ... then you

had already sent in their proxies supporting him, but admitted that there were still

21,000 out of 31,469

Amstrad shareholders who

He said: "I suppose many

small shareholders thought

they had to do nothing to get the 30p a share I am offering.

and have thrown their forms away. No vote, no dosh." Mr Sugar is not permitted

to vote his own holding of

205.6 million shares, and to

realise his ambition to take

Amstrad private he needs a

simple majority of non-Sugar shareholders (in person or by

had not yet voted.

out at 30p a share cash.

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seasonal sales will be late.

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Swiss delay free trade area by one year By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE creation of the European Economic Area (EEA), which is due to extend the EC's single market to include the seven member states of the European Free Trade Area (EFTA), is likely to be delayed for one year because of Switzerland's failure to ratify the EEA treaty.

The no-vote in the Swiss referendum has led to widespread condemnation and consternation among politicians and business leaders throughout the EC and EFTA. In Sweden, Magnus Lemmel, the chief executive of the federation of Swedish industries, warned the vote would add to the general uncertainty and that it would dash hopes that an open market could pull companies out of

Financial markets, by contrast, took a more optimistic view of the no-vote. After the Swiss franc came under selling pressure overnight in East Asian trading. it regained its losses against the mark and other ERM currencies during the day. After its Friday close of SFr0.8970 against the mark, the franc fell to a low of SFr0.9097, but recovered in early afternoon trade to SFr0.8960. Some dealers said yesterday that the franc even constituted a "safe-haven" currency. similar to sterling, because the Swiss currency is now expected to remain decoupled from Europe's exchange rate

mechanism, which is under some strain at the moment.

In Austria, one of the keenest countries on the EEA and, eventually, on EC membership, the reaction to the no-vote was exasperation, though not surprise. Wolfgang Schüssel, the Austrian economics minister, has promised a "dra-matic session" at Thurday's EFTA

The EEA treaty, which set out the extention of the EC's single market to encompass a total of 380 million people, was agreed earlier this year after tough and lengthy negotiations between the EC and EFTA. Like the EC's Maastricht treaty, the EEA treaty was also due to have come into effect on January 1, 1993. The EEA treaty contains a provision for a delay, if countries faces difficulties with ratification, but if one of the signatorities fails to ratify, then the entire treaty will

need to be renegotiated. Austrian government sources said yesterday that most of the renegotiation will be a technical process, but the question of Switzerland's contribution to the EC cohesion fund, a mechanism for the redistribution of wealth from the Europe's rich north to its poorer south, will represent a large stumbling block. Under the agreement Switzerland's contribution would have been SFr65 million

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(£28 million) annually for the next five years. There will be a debate about whether this amount is simply to be dropped or whether Switzerland's share of the bill will have to be redistributed between the other signatories.

An Austrian EEA-expert said a delay of

one year was "realistic", merely because of the technicalities a renegotiation would inevitably bring. The newly renegotiated treaty would then have to be presented again to national parliaments for ratification.

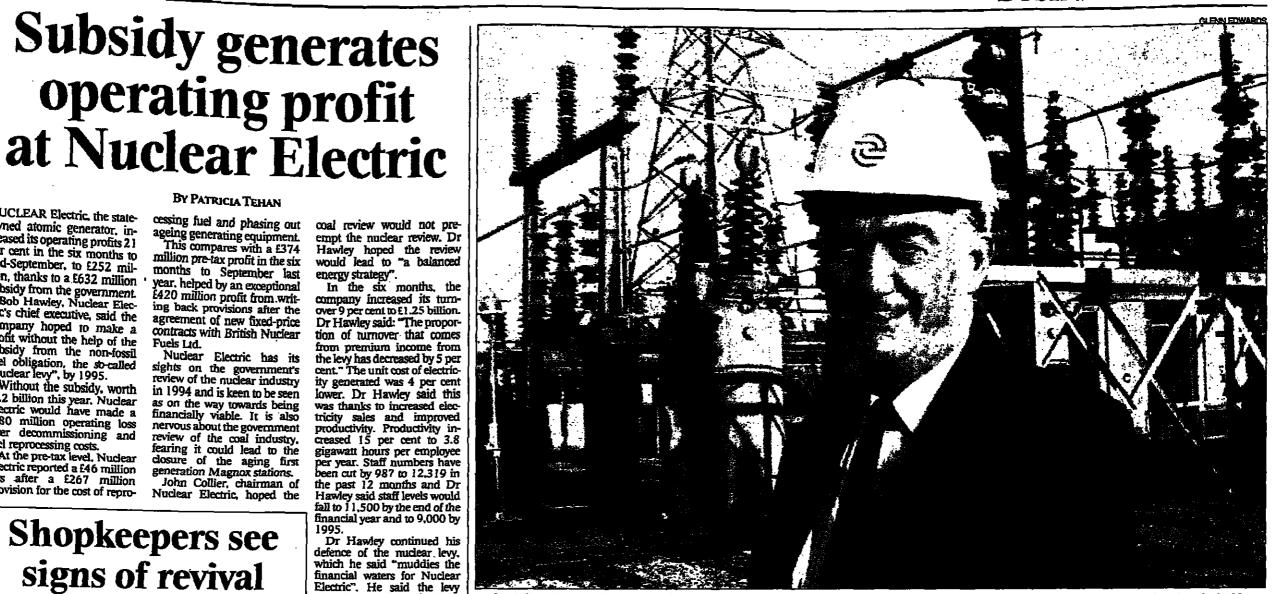
Among the treaty provisions is the right of EC and EFTA citizens to work and live throughout the entire EEA area, an issue which has caused much controversy in Switzerland.

The treaty also envisaged the removal of red-tape on the passage of goods across EC borders. Austria estimates that this red-tape costs adds between 4 per cent and 5 per cent to the cost of goods, in some cases large enough to cancel out

any profit margin.

Apart from Austria and Switzerland,
EFIA also includes Sweden, Norway,
Finland, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.
Liechtenstein will hold its own referendum next weekend.

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Cold shoulder: Wynford Evans, the chairman of South Wales Electricity, attacked Welsh Water's stake as being unwanted and undesirable

# **Profits** surge at power company

related to the huge liabilities

the company inherited from the CEGB when the electricity

industry was privatised. He said he would be quite

content to see the inherited

liabilities and the levy "taken

away from Nuclear Electric in

its entirety. We have nothing to fear from being judged on

the basis of how we manage our present and planned

"In 1995, we will be able to

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Dr Hawley rejected calls for

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Thursday's criticial meeting

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Offer rejection fears

send Amstrad lower

By Colin Campbell.

By Patricia Tehan

SOUTH Wales Electricity profits powered ahead by 43.5 per cent to £29.7 million before tax in the six months to end-September thanks to the group's decision to pull out of retailing. The interim divi-dend rises 13.8 per cent to 6.6p, the highest rise of the four regional electricity com-

panies to have reported.

South Wales sold its lossnext five years, including suppliers and related industries. He argued the case for a Sizewell partly funded by private industry: "Modern nuclear stations can be built, operated for 40 years, fully decommissioned, and still making retailing and appliance repair business to South Western Electricity in April. The disposal was for an undisclosed amount equivalent to the value of the stocks, but produce electricity more South Wales retained the properties from which it now cheaply than the combined cycle gas stations coming into derives income.

In the six months to September 1991, South Wales made a £6 million loss on its retailing business. Yesterday's figures included a modest profit from rental on retail

property.

Profits were also helped by interest income of £400,000. against interest charges of £1.5 million in the first half of last year. Turnover was up 2 per cent to £260.5 million. Earnings grew 5 I per cent to 20.5p

Wynford Evans, chairman of South Wales, again criti-cised Welsh Water, which holds a 15 per cent stake in the company that was was "an unwanted and undesirable in-

terest in the company". He said there has been no recent communication with Welsh Water, which took its stake from 10 to 15 per cent in July last year — a move seen as an attempt to get South Wales to the negotiating table to discuss savings that could be made if the two combined their administration centres

and cable laying operations. Mr Evans said yesterday that South Wales has explored Welsh Water's suggestions "and decided whatever savings there were, they were not from our business".

Mr Evans expects a satisfac-. Sugar: seeking support tory result at year-end.

# **S&N** shortfall underlines flat times in beer industry

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SCOTTISH & Newcastle has reported a profits shortfall that confirms the hard times in the British beer industry have now spread as far as the group's heartland in the North.

Pre-tax profits fell from £115.7 million to £108.4 million in the 26 weeks to November 1, below most estimates, and earnings per share were down from 18.2p to 18.0p, after disregarding the surplus on disposal of properties. But the interim dividend is increased from 5.51p to 5.76p, which helped the shares advance 12p to 413p.

Brian Stewart, the chief executive, said consumer confidence and a consequent reluctance to spend remained a real problem in Britain. While in the previous year

this was more restricted to the

South, this year they had been much more widespread. Even in mainland Europe, where trading conditions were more buoyant, consumer confidence had been less certain. Sir Alick Rankin, chairman, said: "Against that back-

ground, and our strong profit performance in 1991, to maintain trading profits at virtually the same level has been a significant achievement."

Margins in brewing had been hit by a £1.5 million rise in provisions for bad debts as customers suffered in the recession and trade loans went

The pubs side, with a weighting to the north of the country, had to cope with more difficult trading conditions. The leisure operation

turnover at record By Graham Searjeant includes the Pontins holiday business, where guest num-bers were down 13 per cent

after a dramatic fall in book-

ings and rise in cancellations

after this autumn's announce-

S&N is seeing no consistent

evidence of an economic up-

turn and is making no such

forecasis. Mr Stewart said:

"Nobody's going to say it's

going to get better for the

moment until it has got better

for a lot longer."

Sir Alick said: "Performance over Christmas is al-

ways a key element for both our beer and retail divisions

and we will be more confident

of the short-term financial out-

look once that period has

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ment of coal pit closures.

Gilt-edged

THE Stock Exchange's giltedged market had its busiest period ever in the third quarter of this year, turning over almost £330 billion of government securities, nearly a quarter more than in the second quarter. Dealings in shortdated stocks accounted for 45 per cent of turnover.

Speculative activity before and after devaluation made September the busiest month for dealings in UK company shares since October 1987, the London Stock Exchange says. Total turnover reached £45.3

billion. Turnover on the exchange's overseas equity market was £30.7 billion in September, the third highest on record.

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PEACE OF MIND, AROUND THE CLOCK.

# S&N battles on in difficult conditions

executive, is too canny to add Scottish & Newcastle to the list of companies on the record as detecting the first sign of an economic upturn ahead of the all-important Christmas season. As a result, neither a note of caution in the interim figures nor a profits undershoot of up to £7 million has done much to harm the share price.

S&N went ahead by 12p to 413p despite a 6 per cent reduction in pre-tax profits to £108.4 million, after a period of sharp share price underperformance since a warning of deteriorating trade in August. The figures reflect a £3.2 million fall at the trading level from the beer division, little change on the retail and leisure sides, a higher-thanexpected interest charge and the virtual disappearance of property profits. In beer, S&N battled to

gain market share but could not entirely combat the competitive conditions. Off-trade volumes were up 9 per cent against an industry average of 6 per cent but margins have yet to recover from a price war last Christmas. In the ontrade, volumes were off 3 per cent, one point better than the market as a whole.

In leisure, Center Parcs saw occupancy levels drop from 97 per cent to 90 per cent over the year in Britain and the Benelux countries, although both tariffs and average spend were up, while Pontins was badly mauled by the announced coal pit closures.

Gearing will rise by the



Safe hands: caution from Brian Stewart, Scottish & Newcastle chief executive, has paid off in the share price

ment in the new French Center Parc and the effect on guilder borrowings of sterling's revaluation, but will remain comfortably below 30. per cent. Smith New Court has cut this year's pre-tax forecast by £6.7 million to £210 million ex-property, sug-gesting a forward multiple of 12.5. S&N remains one of the safer holds in brewing, but there would seem no reason

Airtours

AEROPLANES go up and then, sometime later, they

to chase for the moment.

come down again. Pre-tax profits at Airtours just seem to go up and up - as they have again in the year ended September, and as they look like doing in 1993 for the seventh

A higher number of passengers carried, the ability to manage capacity and master aviation fuel price gyrations, and the knack of gaining share in a smaller market all helped to lift pre-tax profit from £27.5 million to £36.5 million in 1992.

So far in the 1993 financial year, winter bookings are up and summer bookings are

looking increasingly strong. Pickfords Travel Service. which was bought just days be-fore the year end from NFC for £16 million, has recently turned around from loss into profit, and its operations are being rapidly integrated into

the rest of the group. The strength provided by £150 million of net cash balances gives Airtours further flexibility to expand its retail business and/or tour operations this year: and, as long as holiday confidence does not collapse, pre-tax profits for the year could rise to £41.5 million. In 1994, profits could rise further to £46 million. At 259p, the shares are trading on 8.6 times prospective earnings. Based on 1994 profit hopes, the rating eases' to 7.7

The shares look cheap.

#### Westland

WESTLAND is a different business these days. Investors await jam tomorrow from the EH101 new generation of he-

licopters. When there is no jam today, however, Westland still delivers wholesome bread. Overheads and operating costs have been cut, capacity

Increased concern about

Scottish & Newcastle, the

The rest of the drinks sector

enjoyed some early gains,

hoping to make the most of

the run-up to the festive sea-

million to £108.4 million.

building new helicopters di-minished by conversion and refurbishment work. The helicopter business

made marginally higher oper-ating profits of £27 million on turnover down 15 per cent at £263 million in the year to Ociober 2.

The story was not dissimilar at the civil aerospace components and environmental control businesses, where turnover remained stagnant but profits improved to £14

The shares at 116p are not asking for this to change in the near future. They yield 4.9 per cent on the 6 per cent higher dividend and sell at less than 9 times earnings of 13.2p per

In the short term, Westland will have to work hard to make modest improvements. The tax charge will rise from 19 per cent to normal rates but exceptional redundancy and restructuring costs, which fell from £7 million to £3.8 million, should again drop.

The future is about the big order book Westland is building, mainly for the EH101, orders for 94 of which have already been placed with the Anglo-Italian consortium.

Total orders worth about £1.8 billion have been booked in the past year or so, against annual group sales of £422 million, with plenty more to come. Profits from EH101 contracts will build slowly be-

fore first deliveries in 1995-6. Westland now has the cost efficiency to profit from these profits when they come. This is

nancial services group,

climbed 25p to 673p, after

issuing terms for the proposed offer for Touche Remnant

Holdings. Henderson is paying Société Générale £42.5 million for Touche Renmant.

creating an investment man-

agement group controlling funds of about £10 billion.

Midlands Radio, the inde-

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jumped 11p to 116p, after

confirming it has received a

Tadpole Technology, the

computer software specialist

made a confident start to first-

time dealings with the price

opening at 73p compared

with the original placing of

65p. The shares later touched

86p before ending the session

The food retailers were all

marked higher as they began

bracing themselves for a Christmas spending spree. Industry sources have already

begun forecasting increased

at 85p. a premium of 20p.

bid approach.

WORLD MARKETS

# **Bonds lift Dow** in early trading

New York - Shares moved higher in early trade on follow-through activity, a firm bond market and a jump in American Express shares. Analysts cited better investor sentiment after Friday's improved figures on American jobs for last month, and optimism in the American bond market that the Clinton administration may not use extreme fiscal

A boost also came from American Express, up 13 to 244, which said a search had begun for a replacement for James Robinson, as

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.22 points at 3.294.90 in early trading. Advancing shares led declining shares by three to two.

☐ Tokyo — Shares suc-cumbed to Monday blues and closed down in range-bound trade. The Nikkei average finished down 88.57 points. or 0.51 per cent, at 17,207.12.

a fraction higher on the day, but mostly back around their opening levels after a quiet session spent hovering in a tight band. The Dax index ended 3.16 points up at

☐ Hong Kong — Share prices ended lower but appeared to have weathered Peking's latest frosty blast at Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong. The All-Ordinaries index closed at 2,758.17, down 51.04 points. while the Hang Seng index was down 76.35 points to 5.191.75.

☐ Singapore — Shares closed easier on lack of buying interest with foreign investors focused on the jittery Hong Kong market. The Straits Times index fell 2.57 points to 1.440.13.

☐ Sydney — Shares finished firmer across the board. pushed up by the strength of American equities on Friday. The All-Ordinaries index

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Holiday blues

# Plan to split makes ICI soft target for bears

ICI lost an early 10p lead to finish 11p lower at £10.25 and is being viewed as a soft target by stock market bears after its proposal to split the business

The company gave a presentation to analysts, but does not appear to have made much of an impression. The meeting also co-incided with a profits downgrading by Hoare Govett. Martin Evans at Hoare has joined a growing band of brokers who have scaled down their profit forecasts for ICI. He has reduced his estimate for the current year by £40 million to £540 million and for 1993 by a similar amount to £680

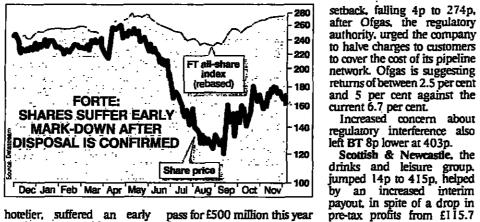
He says trading conditions remain tough and gives warning that German chemical

companies have responded to the pound's devaluation by cutting prices in Europe. Elsewhere, share prices saw

a financial futures inspired lead of almost 17 points wiped out with the FT-SE 100 index closing 4.9 points lower at 2.754.5, having threatened to scale new heights earlier in the session. Dealers blamed the setback on a sudden drop in the future's premium during late trading and the growing realisation that bank base rates are likely to remain fixed at 7 per cent. Tomkins firmed 1p to 231p

with the news that its bid for Ranks Hovis McDougall had gone unconditional coming after the close of official business. RHM was 1p lower at

Forte, Britain's biggest



STOCK MARKET

hotelier, suffered an early mark-down, touching 162p. after confirming plans to sell its Gardner Merchant catering business to the company's management for £402 mil-lion. Talks aimed at selling Gardner Merchant to Compass for £500 million this year failed. Meanwhile, Forte is buying Sogerba, the French

hotels and motorway services chain, for an undisclosed sum. The shares closed 12p cheaper at 1672p.

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Fund managers appeared rooted to the sidelines, leaving prices to drift steadily lower throughout the session. Many are now taking the view a cut in German interest rates this week. As a result, a cut in domestic bank base rates from 7 per cent also seems unlikely

The short end of the market appears to have started taking this factor into account with Exchequer 94 per cent 1998 falling 19 ticks to £1084, while at the longer end Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was seven ticks cheaper at

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# Markets endorse Swiss "no" vote

proponents of greater European unity await with trepidation the first half of 1993, when Denmark will hold the presidency of the European Community and Switzerland the presidency of the European Free Trade Area (Efta). The Danish position on Maastricht is history. The Swiss last weekend voted against the other important European Treaty to set up a European Economic Area (EEA), an extension of the EC's single market to EFTA. The Swiss no-vote will have a significance far beyond its own borders. The EEA was designed to be the world's largest free and single market from 1993 onwards and, at best, the process is now being delayed, probably for one year. For the rest of the EC this hardly matters, since the combined population size of Efta is tiny compared with its own. But not so for in the countries of Efta, where the business community, including in Switzerland, is strongly in favour of the EEA.

The wider economic implications for Switzerland are probably negative, but self-inflicted. Switzerland is already engulfed in a damaging recession and not only has a drugs problem and an immigration problem, but also an inflation and an unemployment problem. Five years ago, each of those would have been unthinkable.

The business community reacted with predictable anger, but, interestingly, financial markets took an altogether different view. The Swiss franc appreciated strongly during yesterday's trading and some traders were even talking about, though perhaps somewhat hastily, a "safe haven". The reason is that the vote has reduced any likelihood of Switzerland entering the EC and with it the dreaded exchangerate mechanism. But the flight into the franc is only in part related to the present uncertainty hanging over the ERM. There is also the question of the continued state of deregulated bliss enjoyed by Swiss banks, which can continue to operate unperturbed by Brussels-imposed banking directives. Whether deserved or not, Switzerland will also in future benefit from a reputation of being a "safe haven" for money which might otherwise not be safe elsewhere.

In the past, the Swiss economy has no doubt benefited from such perceptions. But Switzerland's post-war economic miracle was essentially not the result of efficient banks or reliable cuckoo clocks. Switzerland is the home of some of Europe's most successful companies, whose outlook is far more European than that of its citizens.

# Small consolation

hose concerned with the sale of the third tranche of the government's stake in British Telecom should read the latest survey of commission costs in the London Stock Exchange's quarterly report. It shows that private investors paid on average 0.64 per cent commission this year, down from 0.68 per cent in 1991, a tedious but not unreasonable cost for a service. For small bargains up to £2,000 this average commission rises above 2 per cent. For very small bargains of up to £600 the average jumps to about 6 per cent typically reflecting a broker's minimum bargain charge.

By most standards, this is an uneconomic waste of money for investors. Yet these deals are overwhelmingly sales by investors who picked up tiny parcels of in privatisation issues. Indeed, charges have been raised progressively since 1984, when the first BT sales introduced mass privatisation, to cope with the flood. There is little reason to think brokers are growing rich on this business. The money is simply being wasted by being eaten up in costs. Political dogma or convenience should not fly in the face of economic reality. In future privatisations no investor should end up with much less than £1,000 of stock.

# Talks with creditors pilot GPA to survival in a smaller craft

The world's largest aircraft leasing group is cautious about the outcome of negotiations

that will take months, writes Neil Bennett

f GPA Group was an aero-plane, its pilot would be telling the crew to tighten safety belts and strap on oxygen masks as a precaution. The plane has gone into a steep dive and the profitability and debt warning lights are flashing. By next summer, the flight could be back on course, but until then the heavy cargo of banks and aircraft manufacturers will look decidedly airsick.

GPA, the world's largest aircraft leasing group, has been heading for a showdown with its banks and aircraft suppliers since the spectacular failure of its \$800 million share offer in June. The collapse of the flotation destroyed the financial community's confidence in the highly geared company. GPA, based in Shannon, had always been regarded as a maverick and the exponential growth in its profits and balance sheet in the

eighties was looked on with distrust. The collapse in the company's credibility has in turn blocked GPA's access to the capital markets that it relies on to fund aircraft purchases. In October, the group was forced to shelve a \$752 million Aircraft Lease Portfolio Securiusation, or Alps, due to a collapse in investor demand.

Without access to fresh funding, GPA cannot meet its commitments to buy 160 new aeroplanes, worth \$5 billion, over the next five years, and will be unable to meet the quarterly repayments on its \$3.5 billion bank debt. The company's only chance for ments with its lenders and suppliers.

On one side, the company is asking almost 100 banks to defer debt repayments of \$900 million for up to two years. On the other, it is talking to Boeing, Airbus Industries and Mc-Donnell-Douglas to defer or cancel

some of its 160 aeroplane orders.
Only when it succeeds in these two Herculean operations can GPA be moved off the critical list and into convalescence. The group's ultimate purpose in the negotiations is to regain the confidence of the capital markets. If it succeeds, it can begin to issue paper once more to finance its aircraft purchases. A preference share issue next summer would complete the rehabilitation by bolstering the company's capital base.

The negotiations will take months. however, even if they run smoothly. GPA hopes to reach agreement with the banks and aircraft manufacturers by the end of March, but this is probably a case of wild Irish overoptimism. There will undoubtedly be turbulence along the route and a real chance of a messy crash landing if a few recalcitrant banks or an obstinate aircraft manufacturer throw a spanner into the turbine.

Maurice Foley, GPA's deputy chairman, is the man responsible for piloting the company along this



Talking GPA through the storm: Maurice Foley, left, deputy chairman, and Tony Ryan, chairman

tortuous route. He is naturally cautious about the outcome. "If I did not feel it could be done, I wouldn't be here. It is do-able, but we have to recognise that it is extremely complex and not totally in the company's control," he said between meetings with advisers.

The bankers are unanimous in their approval that Mr Foley is leading the talks instead of the unyielding Mr Ryan. Mr Foley has impressed the financial community with his clarity and humility. GPA has succeeded in persuading the banks to grant it waivers on its loans, giving the group a foundation on which to carry the talks further without breaching its loan covenants. The irony of thesbank talks is that GPA has reduced its reliance on bank debt in the last two years. Until recently, it had access to cheaper funding on the capital markets. The group has cut its bank debt by more than \$1 billion and none of its main

facilities are fully drawn. GPA has asked for principal deferrals on its main \$2.1 billion corporate credit facility led by Citibank, the lead bank in the talks, its \$325 million interim credit agreement and the small \$150 million Japanese club loan. The company is still deciding what to do about its \$1.1 billion associated credit facility, also led by Citibank. There is a good chance the banks in this syndicate wil be asked for smaller deferrals than the others.

In addition to the two-year deferral of principal repayments. GPA is asking the banks to alter its debt covenants in several areas. It wants to make the loans relate to cash flow rather than profitability, since it recognises that profits will be scarce for the next two years.

ll these changes will cost the company dear. If the banks agree to delay the principal payments, they will be covered through a new deferred amortisation facility, which is expected to carry an interest margin two or even three times higher than GPA's existing loans. The banks will also earn fees of at least \$20 million, and be given better security to control GPA's cash flow more tightly. Then GPA will have to pay for the thousands of hours being worked by Schroders, its adviser. Citibank and National Westminster, the agent bank that will have ultimate responsibility for drawing up the new agreement. Four of Europe's most expensive law firms are also working on the deal - McCann Fitzgerald in Dublin and Allen & Overy in the City for GPA, Clifford Chance for Citibank and Freshfields for NatWest. All of these talks with the banks will be a waste of time unless GPA can wriggle out of its current commitments to the aircraft manufacturers. The group wants either to delay many of the orders that fall due in 1993 and 1994, or convert them into

options that it can refuse to take up if

it cannot arrange the finance. The

company insists that it will, and can, take most of the aircraft it has on order, but over a longer period. All negotiations lead one way - to the capital markets. To survive, GPA needs to be able to sell its aircraft to. investment institutions as financial assets. These sales have always been a key element in the group's business and earned a high proportion of the profits. If and when the deals are signed, Citibank will reactivate Alps Two, the \$752 million syndication that was shelved in October. Alps

will be granted AA rating. GPA has outstanding capital issues worth more than \$1.5 billion and it is not surprising they are being treated like sacred cows. The group is quick to dismiss any speculation that bond-

Three and Four are being planned.

GPA needs to ensure that investors

have the confidence to buy this paper

at low margins and that the paper

holders will be asked to defer interest or capital payments. They must be paid in full and on time or the group will have no chance to reopen the door to fresh finance.

GPA's future hangs in the balance. but it has several factors in its favour that it is keen to exploit. First, most economists agree that the air travel industry will continue to expand. Almost all economic forecasts suggest it will. Traditionally, air travel grows 2.25 times as fast as the world's gross domestic product. If GDP expands as expected by 2.5 per cent a year in the nineties, air traffic will rise by an annual 5.5 per cent. Overall, GPA forecasts that total aircraft deliveries between 1991 and 1995 will reach 3,570 to meet the growth and update ageing fleets — a conservative figure compared with others in the industry.

he growth will not be even. Some routes in America may be close to saturation, while air travel is booming in developing regions such as China. This is where GPA's readiness to manage risks comes to the fore. The group often leases planes to airlines that traditional financiers would not touch, such as Air Ukraine, its newest customer. By the middle of the decade, the group expects to have more planes operating in China than America. The credit risk of dealing with these smaller airlines is real. Although all GPA's leases have a fixed term of an average of seven years, that can become meaningless if an airline hits financial trouble. GPA has shown it is efficient at recovering aircraft and finding new lessees. In October, it had to repossess 13 Boeing 737s from Vasp, of Brazil. New customers have been found for more than half the fleet. Both the banks and aircraft manu-

facturers agree that GPA performs an important function, bridging the gap between them and the airlines. If it failed, aircraft would still be sold and financed but other leasing comanies would have to fill its place.

The other ace in GPA's hand during talks is the apocalyptic consequence of its failure. Bankers fear the prospect of GPA going into receivership since it could result in hordes of institutions fighting competing claims for aircraft all over the world. Similarly, the last thing the manufacturers want to see is the collapse of their largest customer, which would leave dozens of aircraft on assembly lines with no buyer in sight.

But if GPA does fly through all the turbulence, it will emerge as a much shrunken animal. The company faces an increase in interest costs and bank charges, a fall in discounts on aircraft purchases, and is likely to be forced to offer more favourable terms on its paper issues.

All that will conspire to erode GPA's profitability and cash flow. GPA is heading for a heavy loss this year thanks to the cost of the aborted flotation and this rescheduling. Noone expects it to bounce back quickly and the chances of it ever coming to any stock market are very dim and distant indeed. From now on, Mr Ryan, Mr Foley and their crew will be flying a twin-engined Cessna, rather than the Jumbo they were once so proud to show the world.

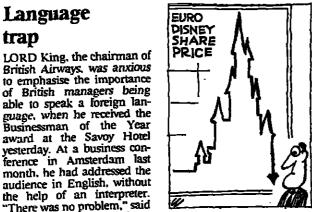
#### Language trap

MI CHANGE

British Airways, was anxious to emphasise the importance of British managers being able to speak a loreign language, when he received the Businessman of the Year award at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. At a business conference in Amsterdam last month, he had addressed the audience in English, without the help of an interpreter. "There was no problem," said King, "but can you imagine a Dutchman standing here, addressing you in Dutch?" To further illustrate his point. King went on to tell the tale of a mouse tempted by a large piece of Edam cheese. Each time he approached it, he heard a loud "miaow". After half a dozen averted attempts, the "miaow" became a "woof" and the mouse moved in for its feast. He was duly pounced on by the waiting cat who, as it finished its meal, observed: "I always knew another language would come in useful."

#### Holiday blues

THE curse of Simon Butler has struck again. Butler, a fund manager with BP Pension Fund, and Anthea, his wife, were featured in the City Diary almost three years ago, when their "holiday of a lifetime" to Australia had to be rearranged because of the Australian pilots' strike. They went instead to the Virgin Islands, only to be in the path of caused them to spend two days with no electricity or water tional in the thirties - in the



supplies. "He is good at picking stocks - not at picking holidays," one colleague observed then. Butler, known for his dour image, which belies a dry sense of humour, and his wife set off on their annual travels at the weekend. Colleagues are looking forward to his return, as this time they have opted for ... India.

#### Back in touch

ANY rugby enthusiast who read about Gordon Waddell's appointment as chairman of Shanks & McEwan, the waste management group, last week, could be forgiven if they thought his name rang a bell. Waddell played stand-off for Scotland 17 times in the sixties, toured South Africa with the British Lions and, in that same era, married Harry Oppenheimer's daughter. He was retained on the board at Anglo American Corporation, after the marriage ended in divorce, otherwise he might Hurricane Hugo, which have joined his father Herbert - a Scottish rugby interna-

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renowned Glasgow stockbroking firm of Speirs & Jeffrey. His two brothers, Robin and Alan, are both directors of that firm. Speirs & Jeffrey has an enviable reputation for its close connections with Glas-gow industry and Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, Gordon, with directorships at Cadbury Schweppes and Scottish National Trust, will now enhance those connections, bringing his career almost full circle.

#### Plain raspberry

ALAN Sugar, the besieged Amstrad chairman, never one to mince his words, was asked by a journalist from The Times if reports that he might start selling his Amstrad shares if Thursday's vote went against his privatisation plan, accurately reflected his views. As Sugar hesitated with his reply. the journalist, anxious to assist, asked him to specify the flavour of his innermost thoughts. "The flavour is raspberry." Sugar retorted.

THE Buckeye Roadhouse restaurant in Sausalito, California, has the following notices. "Warning: this facility permits smoking and tobacco smoke is known to the State of Califor-nia to cause cancer." Warning: drinking distilled spirits. beer, coolers, wine and other alcoholic beverages may increase cancer risk and during pregnancy can cause birth defects." "Warning: preoccupation with government required precautionary notices is known to the proprietors to make you paranoid, boring

and no fun at all." CAROL LEONARD

#### Banks enjoy special privileges

From Mr Francis Palmer Sir, Sir Nicholas Goodison is manner? Just recently my so wrong when he dismisses the recent ombudsman statistics as "infinitesimal". He has conveniently forgotten "unreported crime".

I have been battling with both National Westminster and Barclays (alternatively) for years. Their respective chairmen have never accepted that banks enjoy special privileges and practises that other businesses do not have. Yet this is

1. They charge customers for arranging credit facilities. 2. Put charges, sometimes in-cluding recoverable VAT, on statements without including appropriate invoices or

3. Charge for letters and statements. What other type of business could, or would want to treat

From Merrilyn Boorman

worried Names?

Names interests.

Sir. Where is the forum for

As a single woman, I am

thoroughly tired of living in

limbo; unable to make any

long-term plans, or do any-

thing positive about my situa-

tion. On the other hand, being

bombarded by invitations to

join and financially support

various groups representing

There is desperate need for

consolidated effort by individ-

From Mr James Spowart

Sir, I would like to correct the

impression given in your arti-

cle relating to The Royal Bank

of Scotland's results that

RoyScot Financial Services is

to be closed down. In fact, the

bank's announcement related

secretary has informed me that almost every month there is at least one discrepancy with one of the daily credits. She is convinced she is correct because all cheques and cash payments are reconciled with our customers' accounts. They have not the courtesy to telephone us so that the discrepancy can be reconciled with

I suppose they would probably charge about £5 or so, but even that might be more economical than the cost of computer adjustments that have to be made. Yours faithfully, FRANCIS C. PALMER, Chairman,

Francis Palmer & Co. Power Building.

Individual names should pool experience and come out fighting

fundamental issues.

ual Names. In the short term

to secure compensation for

non or part payment of Stop

Loss policies, and in the long

term, compensation for many

Now is not the time to falter.

I know that Lloyd's is busy

but how to communicate and

organise, that is the problem.

placating the big Names, fi-nancial institutions and other

influential groups whilst we individual Names are largely

left to wallow. I think they

solely to the fact that the

consumer loans arm of RSFS

is writing no new business and

is running off all current loan

company, including the Style

The other functions of the

# Pussy-footing does not work with awkward organisations

customers in this arrogant From D.M. Edmunds

Sir, People who have written around.

anisations in general - and banks in particular - will not respond to genteel letters. A year ago I discovered that I had been uninsured under a life policy for six months because one of my banks had cancelled the related DDM in error - and admitted the fact. As they failed to offer what I considered to be adequate compensation for the problems that this caused, I sued them in the Small Claims

#### admitted in a covering letter that they didn't know what it

was for, but they were settling

My advice is never to get

the daim anyway.

to you regarding the problems they have with their banks should stop pussy-footing

LETTERS

Awkward commercial org-

Such is the bank's communications system that when the head office sent me my cheque (for £400 plus costs), they freely

hope we will quietly fade away.

Financially battered and emo-

tionally drained, most Names

must be feeling as I do. But

now is the time to start

fighting ... There is so much

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# And why not? After all, he operates all of his car's controls. even the radio, with his feet. He has to. When he was ten years old Eric contracted polio. The left his right arm paralysed and his left arm with no more than the slightest movement.



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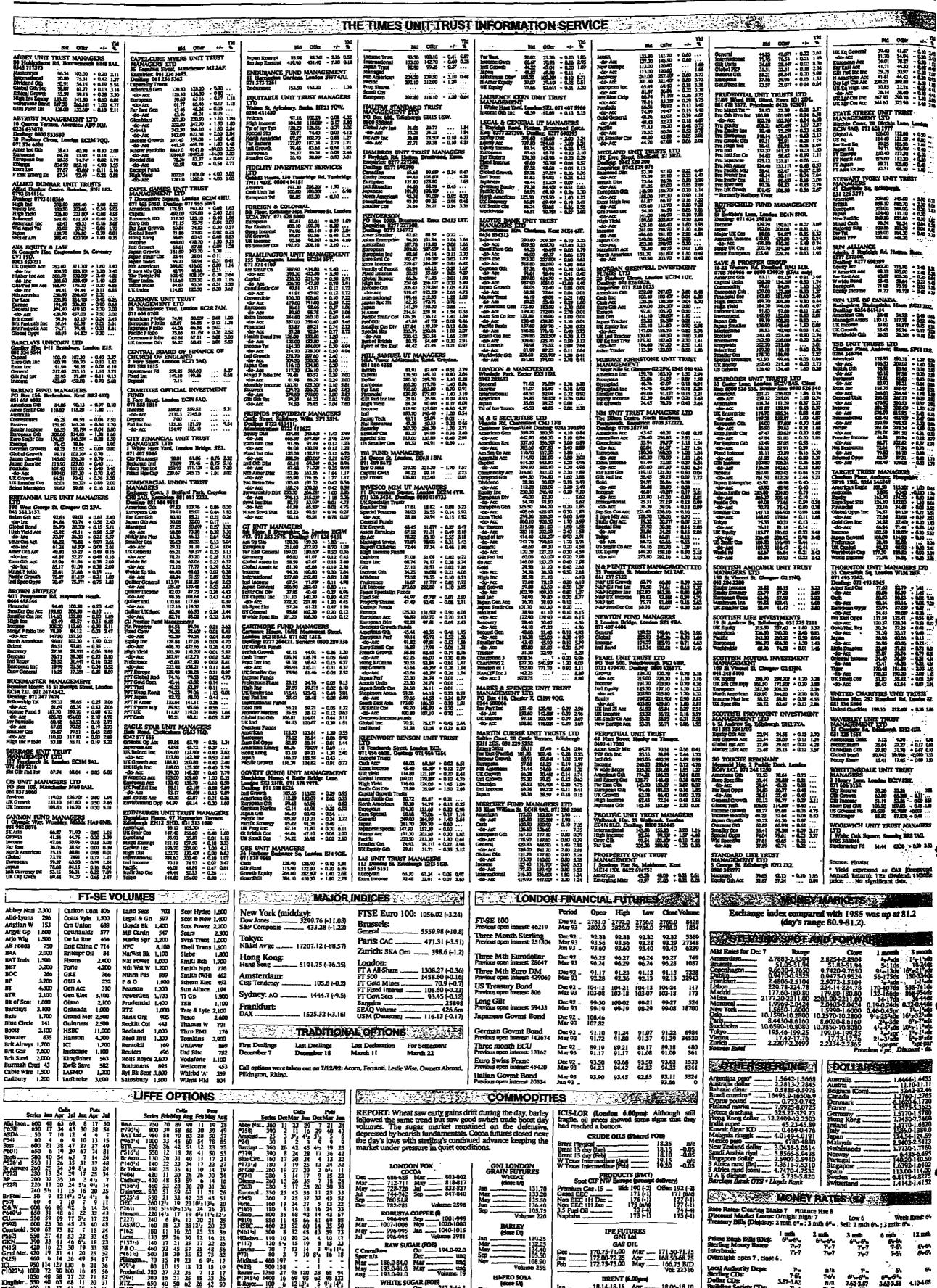
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# A talking shop with teeth

Could arbitration with penalties curb press abuse? Frances Gibb reports

ublic pressure for the newspaper industry to set up machinery to compensate victims of press misconduct or inaccuracy is growing in the build-up to Sir David Calcutt's second report in the new year on press self-regulation. Last week, at the first Times Legal Forum co-hosted with Rubinstein Callingham Polden & Gale. the law firm, on the subject of privacy, the overwhelming call from the audience of 500 lawyers, journalists, students and others was for an arbitration scheme with power to settle complaints from the public and award compensa-

Without action, the pressures for legislation to curb invasions of privacy in the aftermath of the "Dianagate" and David Mellor affairs may prove irresistible. The random audience at the debate was only narrowly against new laws on privacy, despite support for them from leading QCs. However, all agreed that self-regulation in its present form is not working

The idea of an arbitration scheme was floated by Lord Williams of Mostyn QC, the 1992 Bar chairman, as a means of plugging the gap left by the defects of the defamation laws. He attacked the present system as "a mess", with awards an "arbitrary lottery with no certainty or

A new small claims scheme funded by press proprietors would have a panel with

correction be published. There would be no right of appeal.

But Lord Williams also urged developing the law on breach of confidence into a new civil law of privacy which would afford rights even to the rich and famous. A new tort of breach of privacy, he pro-posed, could cover entering private property without consent, to obtain personal information with a view to publication. It could also cover taking photographs from outside the property for publication without consent.

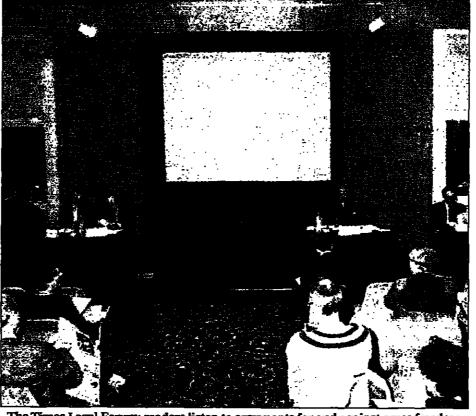
There would be defences, such as if the action was to prevent, detect or expose crime, to protect public health or safety, or if the individual's behaviour in his private life affected his public duties or was hypocritical. Backing for a new civil law

of privacy also came from Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, former chairman of the Press Council, who said privacy could be defined in terms of the extent to which people lost control over personal informa-tion. Those in public positions might forfeit some or all of their right to be free of invasion of privacy; it would be for the courts to

cern to the public". Sir Louis also urged a wideranging review of the law of defamation. " A new Defamation Act should abolish criminal libel, provide a statutory definition of defamation, overup to £5,000 and to direct that haul the existing defences and,

apply a test of whether publica-

tion was of "legitimate con-



The Times Legal Forum: readers listen to arguments for and against press freedom

dies, he said. Despite re-

Norman Lamont's credit card details), press behav-

iour is not worse than it

has been in the past; in

some respects it is better.

figures do have some right to

privacy and that ought to be

acknowledged by newspa-

But he was strongly critical

of the PCC: this has not

worked as envisaged by

Calcutt. It has failed to react to

appropriate public exhorta-

tions to recent breaches of the

code; it has not set up a "hot

line" for the public as recom-

pers," he said.

Even the most public

case of serious misconduct.

above all, shift the burden of proof ... from the defendant to the plaintiff," he said. The opposing case came first from Lord Bonham-Car-

ter, the Liberal Democrat peer, who said that secrecy in Brit-ain was endemic; "the most important thing is to preserve freedom of expression, and this needs strengthening rather than otherwise". He would

'All agreed that self-regulation in its present form is not working'

be very hesitant, he said, about placing new legal curbs on the press until article 10 (on privacy) of the European Human Rights Convention had been incorporated into British law. But if the Press Complaints Commission was to work, it needed to be given "muscle". He proposed that each newspaper should hand over a bond each year, calculated according to its circulmended; and it does not ation and to be forfeited in the entertain complaints from

third parties.

Simon Jenkins, the former The debate, chaired by Lord editor of The Times and a Woolf and the first of a member of the Calcutt complanned Times series, coinmittee which produced the cides not only with Calcutt but first report leading to the creation of the PCC, warned of the array of laws under which with moves in Parliament. Clive Soley MP, who is promoting a bill to protect people the press already operates.
Victims of press misconduct
already have legal remeagainst press intrusions and regulate standards, said: "The ordinary citizen has the right to expect news to be reported cent flagrant breaches of accurately." He called for an the press code of conduct independent regulatory au-(such as the publication of thority to oversee this.

> he spectre of legisla-tion is looming large. Alastair Brett, The Times' company solicitor, said: "The single strong message to come from this debate is the need for the press to put its house in order and set up an arbitration scheme as was recommended by Lord Justice Neill in his report on defamation last July. This might start by dealing with libel, but it could extend to privacy. Without it, the press is unlikely to avoid statutory

# Let the courts have recourse to Hansard

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WHEN courts interpret an ambiguous statute, what could be more absurd than a rule of law which prevents them from looking in Hansard to see what was intended when the relevant Bill was debated? The decision of the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords in the income tax case of Pepper v Hart to revoke that rule and allow recourse to Hansard (Lord Chancellor Mackay dissenting) is a very welcome development.

As Mr Justice Holmes of the US Supreme Court explained, "a word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged; it is the skin of a living thought". Looking at *Hansard* will make it more likely that statutory construction will achieve its purported objective of ascertaining the thoughts behind the words used by Parliament. To adopt the language of Lord Macnaghten in a 1903 judgment, "with the light before him, why should be shut his eyes

and grope in the dark?" The rule prohibiting re-course to Hansard encouraged hypocrisy and unfairness. In difficult cases, as Lord Griffiths acknowledged, many judges would, understan dably, take a peep at Hansard in the privacy of their rooms, and be influenced by what they found. Yet counsel had no opportunity on behalf of their clients to debate such points or draw judicial attention to other relevant passages. Lord Browne-Wilkinson, in the main speech, explained the limits of the change. Refer-

ence to parliamentary mate-

rials is to be permitted only where legislation is ambiguous or obscure, or leads to an absurdity; the material relied on consists of statements by a minister or other promoter of the bill; and those statements are clear. These limits will confine additional legal costs, the expenditure of which are justified by the contribution which reading *Hansard* will make to the promotion of justice.

Broader questions are raised by the case of Pepper v Hart. There is a need for more effective ministerial and parliamentary control over the conduct of the Inland Revenue. No other government department would think it proper to pursue taxpayers, as in this case, in defiance of clear statements made by ministers during the passage of the relevant legislation as to its scope.

The case also raises the sensitive question of whether respect for the separation of powers and for justice being seen to be done are compatible with the Lord Chancellor—a member of the Cabinet — sitting on the supreme judicial tribunal of the land to hear an important appeal involving another Government department. Nobody would question the impartiality of the Lord Chan-cellor. Indeed, he found in favour of the taxpayers. But his lone dissent on the use of Hansard was for reasons of cost, essentially departmental concern.

More fundamentally, the case invites assessment of whether the object of statutory interpretation should be to ascertain the intentions which Parliament had when enacting the legislation. Reading Hansard will often reveal a narrow, illiberal intention by lawmakers. Had the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords looked at Hansard in last year's marital rape case, it would have seen that the relevant legisla-

tion was probably intended to preserve a husband's immunifrom prosecution. In the light of Pepper v Hart, ministers will be advised to be especially careful what they say in Parliament lest their words be quoted against the government in court years later.

The House of Lords was not considering to what extent we should be ruled, in hard cases, by the views expressed by legislators in 1942 or 1892. Reference to Hansard is now permissible, but judges have the last word on the proper interpretation of a statute. They are not obliged to give priority to statements in Parliament.

They should continue, where possible, to seek to construe an ambiguous statute in a manner which best advances desirable social goals, such as the protection of fundamental human rights.

Indeed, there is high authority that once the law has been drafted, the views of the lawmaker are irrelevant to the interpretation of a statute. According to rabbinical law as stated in the Tahmud, on one occasion God sought to intervene to explain what he had meant by the ambiguous biblical statement of an obligation. But he accepted a rebuke from one of the scholars who pointed out that God had handed down the law and bad left it to each generation to interpret its provisions. "God smiled and said, 'My sons have defeated me'."

The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

#### With too few judges, the commercial court could soon grind to a halt

eading City institutions are rallying in support of the commercial court which faces an acute shortage of change, Baltic Exchange, British Bankers' Association and Grain and Feed Traders' Association, all court users, are likely to lend support to an unprecedented submission to ministers by the senior judge of the court, Mr Justice Saville, warning that the court's business is grinding to halt.

In his draft paper, the judge says the court's list is "in complete disarray with no realistic prospect of being able to restore order. There is insufficient judicial manpower to deal with the cases stood out [postponed], let alone cope with the existing list as it comes forward. The carefully nurtured reputation of the commercial court is at risk of being lost". London's commercial law firms are also voicing concern. Anthony Pugh-Thomas, head of litigation at Lovell White Durrant, says: "We have clients raring to go the week after next, and we have to tell them they won't be heard until next April." It is causing "considerable inconvenience" to clients, as well as being a "matter of embarrassment to the profession". Clients come to London because of the speed and quality of justice. In 30 per cent of the cases in the commercial court, one party is foreign; in

50 per cent, both. They may now be

tempted to find some other forum for

their disputes. Mr Pugh-Thomas, a

member of the commercial court users'

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# **Business** no longer as usual

committee, believes that there are plenty of other countries waiting for the chance to become the centre for commercial

His comments are echoed by Michael Skrein, of Richards Butler. "People choose to use the commercial court because they have a clause on their contracts saying that this is where any dispute would be litigated, he says. The danger is that contracts in future would write in other dispute centres. The delay is "self-destructive" in terms of the

nation's economy.

Ian Taylor, head of litigation at Freshfields, describes the judge-shortage as "a serious problem". "A large number of commercial fixtures are being stood out at extremely short notice and clients do get upset." The danger, he says, is that clients will not be able to persuade witnesses to come to court a second time and will be unable to pursue the dispute. Sooner or later, people are going to stop bringing cases to the commercial court. In the commercial court, not only is the

quality of justice put at risk, but large-scale invisible earnings: the court is estimated to generate £500 million in

Delays are a particular blow because the court has pioneered a speedy service geared to customers' needs. "That's why it attracts 2,000 cases a year," says Charles Plant, head of litigation at Herbert Smith. One benefit is the allocation of one judge to a case from the start, who handles all preliminary hearings. With a shortage, there is a danger that different judges will handle the pretrial stages and "you will come to trial without the issues as defined as they might have been".

The judicial shortage is affecting the whole High Court. Lord Taylor, Lord Chief Justice, has described delays as "scandalous" and approaching a " national disgrace". In October the Lord Chancellor, with the Lord Chief Justice, set up a review of High Court judicial manpower. He has also promised two more commercial court judges. But Mr Justice Saville says that because of delays elsewhere, Lord Taylor cannot spare them. Instead of six judges, Mr Saville expects that by next term there will only be four, three of them tied up on long cases. "That leaves one judge to handle the work of six. Unless something is done now, the commercial court next term will cease to operate."

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# Bench presses

NOT content with talk of shedding wigs, judges and barristers are stripping down to singlets and shorts. Assistant recorders, QCs and junior barristers of both

sexes have joined up for a regular aerobics session. "They are pretty good," says their instructor, Alison Katz. "Not too young, not chickens, but a really good laugh when they get their robes off. They say that if they have a difficult

case the next day, it can give them a new lease of life." Perhaps we can look forward to a knock-on effect in the quality of pronouncements from the bench.

Credit conscious

RISES of between 30 and 200 per cent in county court fees (for the cost of taking out a summons, obtaining a possession order and so on) are "unreasonable", says the County Court Users' Association. In most cases the fees will have to be recovered from those against whom proceedings are being taken, and who are least able to bear them.

The result may be that the

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credit industry will reduce the number of summonses issued, which will reduce the fee income derived from the coun-

ty courts," it says.

Valued readers WHO would launch a property law journal when property is going through its worst recession for years? Andrew Dent, the managing director of Oxford-based Cardinal Publications, would. What is more, he is optimistic about

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the future for his Property Review. "Difficult times mean it has become important for advisers to be up to date with legal developments that may dramatically affect the inter-ests of clients," he says.

Keeping quiet CLIENTS like being asked what they think of their lawvers, according to a survey of Fortune 500 corporate counsel by the American management consultants. Altman Weil Pensa.

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Royal authority SHOULD the Princess of Wales sue to protect her intellectual property rights in the "squidgy" tapes? asks London

law firm Laytons. "The 'author of the copyright work is the person who originates the language that is recorded, so the people taking part in the telephone conversation own the copyright jointly."

By copying the recording and sending it to the newspapers, the eavesdropper may have breached their copyright. It may also have been a breach of confidentiality.

"It would appear that a telephone conversation. meant for one-to-one communication is meant to be kept confidential," and under case law first established by Prince Albert (when a printer made illegal copies of some drawings by Queen Victoria), the courts may hold that there has been a breach.

Expensive kick TAWANA HAMMOND almost became her American

high school's first female footballer. But not quite. After allegedly suffering severe internal injuries in her first match, she is suing the

school for \$1.5 million on the grounds that it should have informed her of the risks. But the defence claims that that would have breached a law prohibiting sex discrimi-

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City of opportunity: London firms may be losing some business to provincial practices but there are still plenty of overseas investors

# Rising with the tide

tories from the property world last week included the kind of bad news developers have become all too used to expecting, but there was a difference - the news was even more sensational than usual. Rosehaugh, the glamour company of the late 1980s, was forced to call in the receivers. Trafalgar House announced a pre-tax loss of more than £30 million. And MEPC reported a profit fall of about a quarter while its chairman made dire warnings about the disastrous consequences of government proposals on con-

Law firms whose property departments are still afloat have become immune to such depressing reports. They have been stripped down for survival, with hardened, experienced crews. There is little hope for calm weather but, despite last week's events, there are signs that storm conditions may

The most important evidence of this was the sale last Wednesday of the Suttons business park in Reading, Berkshire, to Standard Life for £62.5 million. Believed to be the largest disposal ever of a single industrial estate in the UK, it was handled by the property department of Turner Kenneth Brown. the London solicitors. According to Catherine Usher, the TKB property department's managing partner, it is a sign that buyers are becoming

Edward Fennell reports on how firms are weathering the property slump

unwise to view such developments

as anything more than a window of

opportunity. Overseas investors -

particularly Germans, Chinese,

Linklaters & Paines, for example,

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is where the second-rank London

outlits are coming under pressure

from regional rivals. Among law-

yers in Bristol, Birmingham and

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because they are winning clients in

the South-East with the offer of

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Reading than west of Reading

"We're doing more work east of

the London rate.

Leeds, there is a certain smugness

more active. "The market has shrunk, there is no easy money, there is a shortage of tenants and planning is more difficult. However, we have adapted to the new conditions and slimmed down, and we are now busy because there is renewed activity in the market," she

Much of that activity is coming from overseas. Vir-

tually every leading London property practice has had **Foreigners** contact with newly have far more arrived German inconfidence in vestors. The effect of Black Wednes-London than day has been to make London an the English do' attractive investment prospect for Germans who are

disillusioned, or even fearful, of prospects for their own economy. Joy Taylor of Mackenzie Woods "Foreigners have far more confidence in London than the English do. They still see it as a very safe place to invest and more attractive than ever since we came out of the exchange-rate mecha-

But, as Paul Johnson of Richards Butler emphasises, it would be right now," says Iain Fairbairn, a property pariner with Bevan Ashford in Bristol. "What people now want is value for money and we can offer clients, particularly those in the M25 area, as good and accessible a service at a fraction of the price.

Bevan Ashford has won a partic-Taiwanese and Middle-Eastern ularly strong reputation for itself in working for the new-style National Health Service. Regional health authorities and NHS trusts, in a Arabs - are making the most of what could be a fleeting chance of state of transition and hungry for is still doing well out of commercial money, are trying to make the most of their property portfolios. Bevan Ashford reckons it is doing more property, especially with German investors. With charproperty work of this kind than any other firm in the country.

The same is also likely to develop with local authorities. The impending contracting-out by local au-thorities of legal services could bring some property work, which has traditionally been done by inhouse legal departments. A good track record in that area would be an important asset when it comes to tendering for contracts.

Pinsent & Co. of Birmingham. for example, is looking forward to working with local authorities in the West Midlands and already has relevant experience through dealing with clients such as the National Exhibition Centre. So while the caviare and champagne transactions may be long gone, the bread and butter work remains for those with the stomach for it.

# Guilty before the law but quite legal at the time

The Court of Appeal recently handed down judgment in a ruling that could make farmers liable for polluted water based on chemicals put into the land 50 or more years ago.

The decision, which could uneash a wave of environmental litigation, will do little to improve the environment, much to line the pockets of lawyers and threaten the prospects of economic recovery. Since it affects the liabilities of businesses, its impact on jobs may be significant.

The judgment was for a sum in excess of £1 million against Eastern Counties Leatherworks in favour of Cambridge Water. Eastern Counties had polluted the local water table 17 years ago by accidental spillages of PCE, the chemical perchloroethene (a widely used de-greasing agent). Ten years ago, Cambridge Water sank a bore hole in the area and extracted water for the

public supply. Three years later, as part of an EC-inspired improvement scheme. the water was tested and excess levels of the chemical were found. Cambridge Water had to abandon the bore hole and seek an alternative source.

claim was dismissed in July by Mr Justice Kennedy in the High Court, who said: That there should be an award of damages in respect of the 1991 impact of actions that were not actionable when they

were committed 15 years before is, to my mind, not a proposition the common law would entertain." But in November, the appeal court held otherwise. Not only was it actionable, but liability was strict, so negligence did not have to be proved. The court also ruled that the fact that EC standards had changed after the pollution had ceased was irrele-

The case will be hailed as a victory by the environmentalists. It also demonstrates the ability of judges to conjure up new liabilities out of old cases. The judgment has opened the door to retroactive pollution liability which even the most radical EC

Retroactive liability for pollution will

hold water, says the

appeal court commissioner would fight shy of. Furthermore, it has done so

without having to answer to any electorate for the economic dam-age such a ruling might inflict. Some will argue that this is a victory for the principle that the polluter must pay. For generations we have enjoyed the benefits of consumer goods which have been produced without due care for the environmental repair costs of our consumption. In short, we cheat on our children by having our consumption subsidised by the destruction of the

WE'RE SUING - THE ARCHITECT DIDN'T GET PLANNING PERMISSION .. The water company's

> The appeal court said it could not attach " any importance to the fact that the appellant suf-fered damage only when quality standards were raised three years after its abstraction commenced and many years after the respondent had ceased to spill

Lawyers might say that the appeal court's judgment is well ounded in precedent and merely reflects the common law's ability to adapt old rules to new problems. But it is hard to to believe that in the case on which the court relied, Ballard v Tomlinson [1885] (a case about raw sewage deliberately discharged to a well). the court then ever thought it was laying down a rule to be applied 100 years later in different circumstances, and with vastly different consequences.

The present court's refusal to take changes in environmental standards into account may be right in law but will stick in the guillet of those who have conducted their businesses by the standards of the day without the benefit of a judicial crystal ball. Its implications for industry and for insurers could be menacing. It could add to the troubles of Lloyd's and insurance companies, with claims being made against old policies. Industry will be looking for cover against liabilities which were not even perceived at the time the policy was written and where the underwriter took no premium to fund the risk.

To industries with a dirty past. but which were looking to a

cleaner future, the sudden imposition of retro-active liability in this way threatens investment plans, threatens security of employment and makes it much more difficult to perquade inquirers to carry the environmental risk in the future.

Eastern Counties is to seek leave to appeal to the House of Lords. It would be ironic if this decision, having been brought about by a water company, is then used against the water industry, which has a far from blemish-free pollution history.

As for the insurers, such decisions can only reinforce their refuctance to provide environmental liability coverage. Indeed. this further example of long-tail liability, where the underwriter judges a risk by the standards of one day, only to have to pay the claims by the standards of another, points towards the maintenance of a total pollution exclusion. Whether or not the decision is right in law will be debated by lawyers and academics for years to come; that it is a decision that our economy can ill afford is already obvious.

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# Deception in consent means theft

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichenie, Lord Lowry, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Slynn of Hadley [Speeches December 3]

An act done with the authority or consent of the owner could amount to an appropriation of goods for the purposes of the Theft Act 1968 where such authority or consent had been obtained by deception.

The House of Lords (Lord Lowry dissenting) allowed an appeal by the Crown from the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Hutchison and Mr Justice Mantell) (The Times April 24, 1991; [1991] I WLR 1334), who had allowed an appeal by Mr Edwin Gomez against his convic-tion at Isleworth Crown Court (Mr Recorder Bassingthwaighte) on two counts of theft contrary to

section I(I) of the 1968 ACL Section 1 of the 1968 Act provides: "(1) A person is guilty of theft if he dishonestly appropriates property belonging to another with the intention of permanently the intention of permanently depriving the other of it ..."

Section 3 provides: "(1) Any umption by a person of the rights of an owner amounts to an Mr Michael Austin-Smith, QC

and Mr Philip Shorrock for the Crown: Mr Anthony Hacking, QC and Mr James Pavry for the

LORD KEITH said that the appeal raised the question whether two decisions of the House of Lords on the proper construction of sections 1(1) and 3(1), R  $\nu$ Lawrence (Alan) ([1972] AC 626) and R v Morris (David) ([1984] AC 320), were capable of being reconciled and, if so, in what manner.

The question had given rise to much debate in subsequent cases and academic writings.

The defendant had been employed as assistant manager at a shop trading in electrical goods. He had been asked by an acquaintance, Ballay, to supply goods from the shop and accept

payment by two stolen building

society cheques for £7,950 and £9,250, undated and bearing no The defendant had agreed and prepared a list of goods to the value of £7,950, which he had submitted to the manager, Mr Gilberd. saying that it represented a genuine order by one Johal and asking him to authorise the supply of the

South Hams District Council

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Staughton

The failure by a county council to

provide adequate accommodation for gypsies in its area could have

the result of imposing a duty on a

The Court of Appeal so held in

reserved judgments dismissing an

appeal by South Harns District

Council from an order by Judge Willcock, QC, on November 19.

1991 in Exeter County Court to

adjorn a possession action brought by the district council against

Tracey Shough and other occupi-

ers of land at Steamer Quay.

Totnes, pending the outcome of

judicial review of the district coun-

cil's decision to institute and nur-

Mr Timothy Straker for the

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE

said that the case raised a question

of general importance in relation

to the duty, if any, of a district council not to evict gypsies for whom the county council had not

provided sites pursuant to its duty

district council; Mr John Lloyd for

sue proceedings for possession.

district council not to evict tres-

v Shough and Others

[Judgment December 2]

that amount. Mr Gilberd had instructed the defendant to confirm with the bank that the cheque was acceptable and the defendant had later told him that he had done so and that such a cheque was "as good as cash".

Mr Gilberd had agreed to the transaction, the defendant had paid the cheque into the bank and a few days later Ballay had taken possession of the goods, the defendant helping him to load them into

Shortly afterwards, a further consignment of goods to the value of £9,250 had been ordered and supplied in similar fashion (apart from one item not delivere against the second cheque. Mr Gilberd had agreed to that transaction without further enquiry. Later, the two cheques had been returned by the bank marked

Orders not to pay. Stolen

The defendant, Ballay and another employee, Rai, had been tried on an indictment counts 4 and 5 of which had charged all three with theft contrary to section 1(1) in respect of the two

After evidence had been led for the prosecution, counsel for the defendant had submitted that there was no case to answer on the theft charges because Mr Gilberd had authorised the transactions so that there had been no appropri-

tion 1(1). The recorder had rejected that submission, whereupon the defendant had pleaded guilty to count 4 but defended himself on count 5 on the basis that he had acted under duress. The jury, however,

In the Court of Appeal, after considering Lawrence and Morris. the Lord Chief Justice had said [1991] I WLR 1334, 1339-

We ... conclude that there was a de facto, albeit voidable, contract between the owners and Ballay: that it was by virtue of that contract that Ballay took possession of the goods; that accordingly the transfer of the goods to him was with the consent and express authority of the owner and that accordingly there was no lack of authorisation

and no appropriation."

Viscount Dilhorne's speech in Lawrence, where a taxi driver had dishonestly taken £6 from an Italian visitor's wallet, in addition to £1 already proffered, for a 10s 6d journey, contained two clear pronouncements: first, that it

under sections 6 and 7 of the

The district council was the

owner of Steamer Quay. In October 1991 coaches equipped for residential purposes were found

The district council applied to

The occupiers appealed against

the county court for possession of

an order for immediate possession

aside and the proceedings be

adjourned pending determination of their application for judicial

review of the district council's

decision to institute the

appeal, observed that the occupiers

might or might not be gypsies and

found that there was no authorised

site in Devon to which they could

must be assumed to know of the

county council's shortage of sites and arguably be affected by the

county council's knowledge that there was nowhere else for the

On the merits, the judge had allowed the appeal and granted the adjournment on an occupier's

undertaking to issue proceedings

In January 1992 Mr Justice

occupiers to go.

The district council, he said,

Judge Willcock, hearing the

the land against the occupiers.

Caravan Sites Act 1968.

parked there.

was no longer, after the passing of the 1968 Act, an ingredient of theft that the taking should be without the owner's consent; second, that an appropriation might occur even though the owner had permitted or consented to the property being taken.

in Morris, where two customers in supermarkets had dishonestly exchanged the price labels on goods for labels showing lesser prices, Lord Roskill had undoubtedly been right when he had said (at pp331-333) that the nption by the defendant of any of the rights of an owner could amount to an appropriation within the meaning of section 3(1) of the 1968 Act and that the removal of an article from the shelf and the changing of the price label on it had constit tion of one of the rights of the owner and hence an appropriation within the meaning of the

There were, however, observations in the passage that, with the greatest possible respect to Lord Roskill, his Lordship had to regard as having been unnecessary for the decision of *Morris* and as being

In the first place, it seemed to his Lordship that the switching of price labels on the article was in itself an assumption of one of the rights of the owner, whether or not it was accompanied by some other act such as removing the article from the shelf and placing it in a basket or trolley.

No one but the owner had the right to remove a price label from an article or to place a price label on it. If anyone else did it, he did an act, as Lord Roskill had put it, by way of adverse interference with or usurpation of that right.

That was no less so in the case of the practical joker figured by Lord kill than in the case of one who made the switch with dishonest The practical joker, of course,

was not guilty of theft because he had not acted dishonestly and did permanently of the article. So the label switching in itself constituted an appropriation, and so to have held would have been sufficient for the dismissal of both

appeals in Morris. On the facts of the two cases it had been unnecessary to decide whether the mere taking of the article from the shelf and putting it in a trolley or other receptacle one of the rights of the owner and

Brook had granted leave to apply

for judicial review against the

district and county councils but

that would not heard before April

7(1) of the 1968 Act was, first, to

make it the duty of a local authority

to exercise its powers under section

24 of the Caravan Sites and

Control of Development Act 1960

to provide adequate accommoda-

second, to divide those duties

between county and district coun-cils, the former only being charged

The district council's case was

that since it had no duty to provide

sites for gypsies under sections 6 and 7 of the 1968 Act, it owed no

relevant duty to the occupiers

which could be made the founda-

tion of an application for judicial

For the occupiers it was said that,

since they had been granted leave

to apply for judicial review, the test

laid down in Avon County Council

v Buscott ([1988] QB 656, 663-4).

was shown to have been satisfied

and the judge's decision to grant

an adjournment proved to have

The judge's approach was cor-

rect. A district council, like any other local authority, had to

administer its land in accordance

heen correct.

with the duty of providing sites.

The effect of sections 6(1) and

hence an appropriation. There was much to be said in favour of the view that it did, in respect that doing so gave the shooper control of the article and the capacity to exclude any other shopper from taking it.

However, Lord Roskill had expressed the opinion that it did not. on the ground that the concept of appropriation in the context of section 3(1) of the 1968 Act "involves not an act expressly or impliedly authorised by the owner but an act by way of adverse interference with or usurpation of

While it was correct to say that appropriation for purposes of sec-tion 3(1) included the latter sort of act, it did not necessarily follow that no other act could amount to an appropriation and in particular that no act expressly or impliedly authorised by the owner could in any circumstances do so.

Indeed, Lawrence was a clear decision to the contrary since it had laid down unequivocally that an act might be an appropriation notwithstanding that it was done with the consent of the owner. No consible distinction could be made in that context between consent

In the civil case of Dobson v General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation pic (1990) 1 QB 274) the Court of Appeal had considered the apparent conflict between Lawrence and Morris and

There was no material distinct tion between the facts of Dobson, which had been correctly decided, and those of the present case. Lawrence, which also made it dear that it was irrelevant that

what had happened might also have constituted the offence of obtaining property by deception under section 15(1) of the 1968 Act, had been a clear decision of the House of Lords on the construction of "appropriate" in section 1(1) that had stood for 12 years when doubt had been thrown on it by obiter dicta in Morris.

Lawrence had to be regarded as authoritative and correct, and there was no question of it now being right to depart from it. Lord Slynn agreed with Lord Keith, Lord Browne-Wilkinson delivered a concurring speech and Lord Jauncey agreed with both;

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters, Vassallo &

Lord Lowry delivered a dissenting

# Possible duty not to evict trespassers

inhabitants of its area

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inhabitants.

adjournment.

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passer on its land. But there might be a case where statute imposed on

it a duty to the trespasser not to

which was owed to the other

It was arguable both that such a

duty could arise under the 1968

Act and that it did arise in the

circumstarices of this case. That

was enough to vindicate the judge's decision to grant an

STAUGHTON, concurring, com-mented that it was deplorable that

an appeal from an order of a judge

in the county court adjourning proceedings should take 11

months to come before the Court of

However, that delay did not

matter in the instant case as the

judicial review proceedings would take some months to come to court.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr D. J. Incoli, Totnes: Car-

JUSTICE

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that with the general or particular requirements of statute and, where there was no requirement to the contrary, in the best interests of the A district council would best serve the interests of the inhabitants as a whole by seeking to recover possession against a tres-

Before Lord Taylor of Gostorth. Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Potts and Mr Justice Judge [Judgment November 25]

Where public interest immunity imed for a document, the judge could rule on the competing claims of immunity and fairness to the party claiming disclosure only if he had himself examined the evidence in dispute. Thus a material irregularity

occurred during the course of a trial when an application by the defendant for production of a video tape of a therapeutic family interview at Great Ormand Street Hospital for Sick Children was resisted on the ground of public interest immunity and the applica-tion was refused by the judge without his having exatape to ascertain whether, as claimed for the defendant, it might have contained relevant material about the integrity of the evidence of two boy complainants.

The tape was viewed by the judges of the Court of Appeal and the Lord Chief Justice stated than their Lordships were satisfied that to order disclosure was inappropriate on the appeal against sever-ity of the eight-year sentence which had been imposed at the Central Criminal Court by Judge Denison,

The conviction was upheld by application of the proviso to section

2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968.

Miss Heather Hallett, QC. who did not appear below, and Miss Tanoo Mylvaganam, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Ian Paton, who did not appear below, for the Crown; Mr Richard Tyson for the hospital, who attended at the court's request and produced the tape to their Lordships.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. giving the judgment of the court, said that counsel for the appellant had made it clear that the reason for the application was that the video might have contained rele-vant material as to the integrity of the evidence of the boys and any possibility of its contamination or fluence upon it.

At the application the hospital was represented and raised public interest immunity as an objection to disclosing the tape. Unfortumately the Crown was not present. Their Lordships would wish to say that, if an application of that kind was to be made in any such case, it would be desirable that the Crown should be represented at the

hearing.

After hearing argument from both sides the judge ruled on the application. There was no corroboration of the two young boys' evidence and all turned on their reliability. The therapeutic video tape might have shown discrepancies in their stories. At the very least, Miss Hallen submitted, the judge should have seen the video himself before ruling whether it should be admitted or whether the public interest

immunity daim should prevail. In fairness to the judge, he was not specifically asked by the appel-lant's counsel to view the video, nor was it suggested by anyone at the ver, it was conceded on appeal on behalf of the Crown that the judge could not properly have ruled without himself seeing the

Their Lordships agreed with that view. The exclusion of the evidence without an opportunity of testing its relevance and importance amounted to a material rregularity.

When public interest immunity was claimed for a document, it was for the court to rule whether the claim should be upheld or not. To do that involved a balancing exercise. That exercise could only be performed by the judge himself examining or viewing the evi-dence, so as to have the facts of what it contained in mind. Only then could be be in a position to balance the competing interests of public interest immunity and fairness to the party claiming

Their Lordships recognised the hospital's legitimate concern that interviews which were conducted on a confidential basis for therathe interests of justice required and demanded, to be disclosed outside the family circle of those who were the subject of the case conference and the service which was conduct-

However, where the liberty of the subject was in issue and disclosure might be of assistance to a defendant, a claim for disclosure

and often be strong. Having had the opportunity of seeing the video tape, their Lordships were satisfied that it would not have been appropriate to order disclosure, and the question of application of the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 arose.

Miss Hallett submitted, under standably, that she was in some difficulty in making any helpful comment about the application of the proviso without seeing the video. Nevertheless, their Lordships took the view that, since the hospital was maintaining its claim for public interest immunity. it was not possible to have degrees of

Having concluded that it would have made no difference to the trial their Lordships concluded that no resistance could properly be made to the application of the proviso. It was an appalling case. the proviso had to be applied and leave to appeal against sentence was refused.

Solicitors: CPS, Central Courts. Field Fisher Waterhouse.

#### Term construed against solicitors the debtor's obligation fell into the

In re a Debtor (No 1594 of 1992)

Before Mr Justice Knox

[Judgment November 20] The insertion by solicitors of a onesided provision into a contract between them and a client justified the construction of ambiguous provisions in that contract contra

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the debtor from the dismissal by Mr Deputy Registrar Schaffer dated July 13, 1992, of his application for an order annulling a bankruptcy order made against him by Mr Registrar Pinam on June 2, 1992, on the petition of Robert Gare & Co

Mr Christopher Drew, who did not appear below, for the debtor, Mr Thomas Ivory for RGC; the Official Receiver did not appear and was not represented.

(RGC), a firm of solicitors.

the debtor had been one of two directors of the Finance and Business Corporation pic (the com-pany) who had on March 8, 1991. along with the company, made an agreement in writing with RGC under which, inter alia, RGC agreed, in clause 1, to provide legal advice and other specified skilled

On behalf of the debtor, Mr Drew had contended in the Clause 7(a) of that document provided: "The company shall and the directors shall procure that the company shall pay to RGC fees [on 1 That clause 7(a) should not be

a normal time costing basis for providing the services under this read as a guarantee of payment by directors, who had done no more agreement". than undertake to take all steps Clause 9 provided: "The terms open to them to procure due contained in this agreement may be varied by RGC by notification to payment by the company: 2 That from the date of presentation of the petition to wind up the

the company which shall be either delivered or despatched by post at least two working days before such company it had become legally impossible for the directors to variation shall take effect" - an procure payment by the company of RGC's bill, so that the directors' electrifying feature. contract to procure then became RGC's statutory demand up the debtor under section 268(1) of instrated:

the Insolvency Act 1986, dated 3 That the agreement of March 8, 1991 should be strictly construed November 11, 1991, claimed £20.214 as an immediately paycontra proferentem, and as biting only upon such services and costs able debt for a liquidated sum, being made up of two invoices dated August 17, 1990 and as were thereafter provided and incurred: thus the invoice of March 21 required severance be-March 21, 1991, in the sums of E7,825 and £13,544 respectively, tween pre and post-March 8, 1991 less £3,000 paid on account, plus £1,844 interest. It was not paid. services and costs. Since that had never been done, In RGC's bankruptcy pention,

there had never been any liq-uidated debt owed by the debtor to presented to the court on February 14, 1992, the sum previously claimed to be due under the former RGS within section 257 of the Insolvency Act 1986. invoice was no longer relied on, the As to those arguments: new liquidated sum being only the sum invoiced on March 21, 1991, However construed, an obligation "to procure" payment could not be watered down to a mere a mere 13 days after the date of the agreement, and £975 in interest. duty "to use one's best endeavours" On April 8, 1992 the company itself was, on RGC's petition, 10 do so:

2 Adopting Lord Reid's analysis of guarantees in Moschi v Lep Air Services Ltd (1973) AC 331, 343), second category, that is, the direc-tors were under a contractual p obligation to see that the company paid for RGC's services, for breach of which RGC had a remedy in damages, regardless of the compa-ny's inability to discharge its own

3 Although no doubt RGC had intended so to draft the agreement as to oblige the directors to procure the company to pay for past as well as future services, the natural meaning of the words in clause 7(a), when construed in context and contra proferentem, looked exclusively to future services.

It followed that the directors only became obliged thereby to procure the company to pay for services which RGC might thereafter provide to the company.

In his Lordship's view, it would be flying in the face of reality to assume that none of the work March 21, 1991 had been done before the agreement of March 8 had been executed.

Since RGC had never quantified any costs properly attributable to services provided after March 8. 1991, RGC could not claim any figuridated sum had been owed hy the debtor, whose appeal was accordingly allowed and bankruptcy annulled.

Solicitors: Bernard Oberman & Co: Robert Gore & Company.

#### Appealing refusal of justices to remit arrears The court had been referred to

Before Mr Justice Thome

[Judgment November 27] An appeal from the refusal of justices to remit arrears which had accrued under a child's periodical payments order made under the Children Act 1989 was by notice of motion to a judge of the Family Division under section 94 of that

Mr Justice Thorpe so held in the Family Division when allowing appeals by a father from Harrow Justices who had refused to vary orders requiring him to pay £25 a week for each of his two boys and refusing to remit the arrears of

Section 94 of the 1989 Act provides: "(1) An appeal shall lie to the High Court against — (a) the

making by a magistrates' court of any order under this Act, or (b) any refusal by a magistrates' court to make such an order."

ordered to be wound up

Miss Delyth Evans for the father; Mrs Maureen Mullally for

MR JUSTICE THORPE said that the parents married in 1981 and separated in June 1991. On January 31, 1992 the father had been ordered to make periodical payments of £25 a week for each of his two boys. The father paid nothing and the clerk to the justices issued enforcement

proceedings.

The father issued a summons to vary in September and at the hearing in October applied to have the arrears remitted. The justices refused to vary the amount or to

remit the arrears.

Berry v Berry [1987] Fam 1). The Court of Appeal had reluctantly decided that an appeal from the refusal of justices to remit a wife's arrears of periodical payments was by way of case stated while an appeal from the refusal to vary periodical payments was by notice

of motion. It was clear from section 94 of the 1989 Act that an appeal from the justices against the making of any order or any refusal to make such an order was to the High Court by notice of motion.

However, there had been manifest irregularities in the procedure adopted by the justices. It was plain that the chairman had announced the decision in breach of rule 21 of the Family Proceedings Courts (Children Act 1989) Rules (SI 1991 No 1395 (L17)). Extended reasons for the decision had been sent to the court. The appellate court could not accept them: see Hillingdon London Borough Council v H (The Times July 1; [1992] 3 WLR 521).

The matter was remitted to the justices on a technicality. The father would be wise to commence making payments for his children. Solicitors: Blackman & Biackman, Harrow, K. B. Van Emden & Co. Harrow.

Correction

In R v Cunningham and Others (The Times December 3) Mr David Calvert-Smith and Mr David A. Thomas appeared as amici curiae in all cases except that of Robinson.

Luxembourg

# **European Law Report**

# Settling terms of authorisation of licences of right for patented drugs

Case C-191/90 Before O. Due. President and Judges G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Zuleeg, J. L. Murray, G. F. Mancini, F. A. Schockweiler, J. C. Moitinho de

Almeida, F. Grévisse and D. A. O. **Edward** Advocate General W. Van Gerven Uudgment October 271 Considerations other than those relating to the safeguard of rights constituting the specific subject-matter of industria or commercial property could not be relied upon by the authorities of mem-

ber states competent to settle the terms of licences of right as justification for a restriction on trade between member The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to three questions submitted to it by the

Court of Appeal of England and Wales

for a preliminary ruling.
Smith Kline and French Laboratories Lid ("SKF"), was the proprietor of two United Kingdom patents for the pharmaceutical product "Cimetidine", Those patents had been endorsed "licences of right" from March 9, 1988. Generics (UK) Ltd and Harris Pharmaceuticals Ltd had sought from SKF a licence of right permitting them, interalia, to import the product into the UK from non-member countries and from Spain and Portugal.

According to section 46 of the Patents Act 1977, any person was entitled as of right to a licence under the parent on such terms as might be settled by agreement with the proprietor of the patent or, in default of agreement, by the

Comptroller General of Patents. Sections 48(3) and 50(1) of the 1977 Act allowed the Comptroller to take into account, in the exercise of his powers, the fact that a patent was not being worked for the purpose of manufacturing the

product in the UK. It was common ground that the

Smith Kline and French Laboratories Ltd practice of the competent national authorities pursuant to those provisions, was to authorise the licensee of right to import the patented product from nonmember countries where the proprietor of the patent worked it by importing the product into the UK, from other member states and, conversely, to deny the licensee the right to import the product from remember countries. product from non-member countries where the proprietor of the patent manufactured the product within the

Since the parties could not reach agreement, the matter was referred to e Comptroller and subsequently to the Patents Court.

Taking into account the fact that SKF mufactured Cimetidine in the form of raw material in Ireland and made up the finished product in the UK, the Patents Court included in the conditions for the licences of right requested by them from importing Cimetidine, as a finished product, from non-member countries and from Spain and Portugal.

ated with non-member countries on the basis of the transitional provisions in articles 47 and 209 of the Act of Accession concerning certain patents. The Patents Court refused however to include such a clause in respect of the importation of Cimetidine in rawmaterial form.

Generics on the other appealed to the Court of Appeal, which stayed the proceedings and referred three ques-tions to the European Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling.

of Justice ruled as follows: Authorisation to import from nonmember countries

Those two member states were

SKF on the one hand and Harris and

in its judgment the European Court

The first two questions were designed essentially to establish whether the authorities of member states which were competent to settle, in the absence of agreement, the terms of licences of right

ht, without contravening articles 30

and 36 of the Treaty, rely on national

legislation such as sections 48(3) and 50(1) of the 1977 Act in order to refuse the licensee of right authorisation to import the products covered by the patent from non-member countries where the proprietor of the patent manufactured the product within the national territory and in order to grant such authorisation where the proprietor of the patent worked his patent by importing the product from other Mem-

ber States of the Community. It had to be noted first that, in its judgment in Case C-30/90 Commission v United Kingdom (The Times April 15, 1992) the Court had held that the above-mentioned provisions of sections 48 and 50 of the 1977 Act were contrary to article 30 of the Treaty in as much as they treated a situation where demand for the patented product was satisfied on the domestic market by imports from member states other than the United Kingdom as being one in which a compulsory licence might be granted for insufficient exploitation of the patent.

However, in that judgment the Court had not considered the question raised here of whether, on the basis of those national provisions, the competent authorities might, for the purpose of refusing or granting the licensee of right the authorisation to import the product from non-member countries, take into account the member state in which the proprietor of the patent manufactured the product without infringing Com-

In exercising their powers with respect to imports from non-member countries the authorities competent to settle the terms of licences of right were not entitled to apply criteria which, by their discriminatory nature, affected trade between member states in contravention of articles 30 and 36 of the Treaty.

It followed from the practice of the

national authorities to which the Court

of Appeal referred that the licensee

might be authorised to import the parented product from non-member

countries where the proprietor of the

patent did not manufacture the product

within the territory of the member state in which the patent was granted but imported the product from other mem-

The proprietor of the patent might in such circumstances be exposed to com-petition from imports from non-member countries to which he was not exposed when he worked the patent by manufacturing the product within the

Such a practice was discriminatory because it encouraged proprietors of patents to manufacture patented prod-ucts within the national territory rather than to import them from other member

It was therefore capable of hindering intra-Community trade directly or in-directly, actually or potentially, and hence constituted a measure having equivalent effect to quantitative restricions on imports within the meaning of

where article 36 was relied upon to protect industrial and commercial property, it permitted derogations from the fundamental principle of the free move-ment of goods within the common market only in so far as such derogations were justified for the purpose of safeguarding rights which constituted the specific subject-matter of such property: see C-10/89 SA CNL-Sucal NV v Hag I-GF AG (The Times December 7, 1990; [1990] ECR 3711).

In the case of patents, the specific subject-matter of the industrial property was, in particular, the exclusive right of the patent proprietor to use an invention with a view to manufacturing industrial products and putting them into circulation for the first time, either directly or by the grant of licences to third parties, and also the right to oppose infringements. In the situation referred to by the Court of Appeal, there was no reason relating to the specific subject-matter of

the patent which was capable of justify-

ing the different treatment accorded by

The reason for the difference in

treatment was not the specific require-

the national authorities.

property but the desire to favour produc-tion within the territory of the member state concerned in accordance with the provisions of the national legislation. Such a consideration, the effect of which was to frustrate the objectives of the Community as laid down in particular in article 2 and specified in article 3 of the Treaty, could not be accepted as justification for a restriction on trade.

Imports from Spain and Portugal The national court's third question sought in substance to establish whether articles 47 and 209 of the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal were to be interpreted as allowing the authorities of member states competent to settle, in the absence of agreement, the terms of licences of right to prohibit in possible derogation from articles 30 and 26 of the Treaty, the licensee from importing a patented pharmaceutical product from Spain and Portugal.

It followed from articles 42 and 202 of the Act of Accession that the principles laid down by the Court on the basis of articles 30 and 36 of the Treaty were applicable to trade between the Com-munity and the two new member states. However, articles 47 and 209 of the Act of Accession expressly derogated, within the limits laid down therein, from

the provisions of articles 42 and 202 and the principles flowing therefrom. According to those provisions, the holder of a patent for a pharmaceutical product filed in a member state at a time when a product patent could not be obtained in Spain or Portugal for that product might rely upon the rights granted by the patent in order to prevent the import and marketing of that product in the existing member state or states where that product enjoyed patent production, even if that product had been put on the market in Spain or

Portugal for the first time by him or with That right might be invoked until the end of the third year after Spain or Portugal had made those products

In Case 434/85 Allen and Hanburys v Generics (The Times March 11, 1988; [1988] ECR 1245) the Court had considered whether the prohibition on the importation into the UK of a produc protected by a patent endorsed "licence of right" was necessary in order to ensure that the proprietor of the patent ensure that me proprietor of the patent had the same rights with respect to importers that he enjoyed with respect to producers manufacturing the product within the national territory and could

the Treaty. It was solely for the purposes of defining those rights that the Court had stated that, according to the UK legislation as interpreted by the national court, the proprietor of a patent endorsed "licences of right" merely retained the right to obtain a fair return from the

therefore be justified under article 36 of

The Court therefore did no more than take note of the UK legislation and did not establish a Community definition of a "weak patent" from which it would follow that a patent endorsed "licences of right" was necessarily excluded from the scope of articles 47 and 209 of the Act of

Accession.

In order to interpet articles 47 and 209 of the Act of Accession, it was necessary to have regard to the actual wording of the proprietor of the patent "may which the proprietor of the patent "may have been accessed by the control of the patent "may have been accessed by the control of the patent "may have been accessed by the control of the patent "may have been accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the patent accessed by the control of the patent accessed by the p rely upon the rights granted by that patent in order to prevent the import

and marketing" of the product The first condition for the application of those provisions was that the patent should grant its holder the right to prevent imports. If, where such a right existed. Community law prevented it from being used in such a way as to affect intra-Community trade contrary to articles 30 and 36 of the Treaty, it was national law which, in the present state of Community law and in the absence of approximation of national legislation, efined the extent of the protection conferred by a patent or in respect of each type of patent.

In order to verify whether that condition was fulfilled, it was therefore

for the national court to consider whether the protection conferred by national law included the right of the

proprietor to prevent imports. The second condition governing the prohibition on importing patented products from Spain and Portugal concerned the fact that the provisions of articles 47 and 209 of the Act of Accession merely conferred upon the proprietor of the patent the option of preventing such imports. Those derogating provisions were therefore inappli-cable unless the proprietor of the patent that option.

On those grounds, the European

1 Articles 30 and 36 of the Treaty were to be interpreted as precluding the A. authorities of member states competent to settle, in the absence of agreem terms of licences of right from relying upon provisions of national legislation in order to refuse the licensee of right authorisation to import the patented product from non-member countries where the proprietor of the patent manufactured the product within the national territory and in order to grant such authorisation where the proprietor of the patent worked his patent by importing the product from other member states of the Community.

2 Articles 47 and 209 of the Act concerning the conditions of the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic and the adjust-ments to the Treaties were to be interpreted to the effect that the authorities of the member states competent to settle, in the absence of agreement, the conditions of licences of right might, on the basis of those provisions and in derogation from the principles laid down by articles 30 and 36 of the Treaty. prohibit the licensee from importing from Spain and Portugal a patented pharmaceutical product if national law conferred upon the proprietor of the patent the right to prevent imports and if the proprietor exercised the right conferred upon him by articles 47 and 209.









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DANCE page 34

A soloist with Nederlands Dans Theater, in Britain for the

first time since 1975

CINEMA page 35

In Stalin's image: Soviet hagiography of the Thirties and Forties, at a Bologna festival



TELEVISION: Andy Lavender asks why 'youth-oriented' programmes are so juvenile; plus Simon Gray reviewed

# Only flakes on the menu?

death with an arrow in his stomach at 7.06am. Chris Evans says: "We're a bit wacky this morning, aren't we? Cor, we're wacky and zany, zany and wacky." If you watch The Big Breakfast on Channel 4, you wake up very quickly to Evans's nerdish smile and hyper-active drivel

On a Friday you can have wackiness at both ends of the day. by tuning in to The Word at 11.10pm. Both programmes are produced by Planet 24, and The Word has clearly been a big influence on The Big Breakfast.

The Word is stunningly banal. Targeted at 16-to-24-year-olds, it is the most eve-catching youth pro-

the most eye-catching youth programme on television. "We are interested in the glamorous, the trivial and the superficial," says the programme's editor, Paul Ross. "We are also interested in the gotsmackingly weird and exotic. We've had some very extreme material this series. We did a story about dick extensions in the first programme, but what people forest is that we also have with interest." is that we also have witty interviews with people like Sylvester Stallone."

The Word boasts a tabloid instinct. Notationally, of late, it has doorstepped the boxer Barry McGuigan and planted a spy camera in Oliver Reed's dessing-Word's casual voyeurism is justified, its champions argue, because the programme is intended to be provocative. Thus Bill Hilary, Channel 4's new commissioning editor for youth programmes: "The Word is slightly wild and anti-establishment. It does annoy people at times, but so what? It makes people react."

"Television is interactive," says Ross. "People watch The Word because it can irritate the foot out of

What is the nature of The Word's irritation? The format of the programme - live interviews, taped inserts, bands playing in the studio - means that all segments are short and all conversations bitesized. Unfortunately this has encouraged inanity rather than presenter Dani Behr. Last Friday's show featured a prerecorded interview she had conducted with Fabio, a male model voted by Cosmopolitan as the sexiest man in the world. "Fabulous Fabio just swept me off my feet," intoned Behr's voiceover as the glistening hunk carried her into his house. "His muscles really are making money...he has struck his very own three-book deal worth a \$100,000 advance."

The Word is strangely close to the axed Wogan in this breathy awe at

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Chris Evans, presenter of Channel 4's The Big Breakfast: "nerdish smile and hyper-active drivel"

the lives of the rich and (variously) famous. Friday's show also featured the rapdeal to promote Calvin Klein underwear. "Why did you decide to use your Calvins to express your ways?" asked Dani. The obvious answer,

"money", somehow was not voiced. To claim that this is antiestablishment is frankly laughable. The Word is its own establishment, peddling an orthodoxy of taste and behaviour which closes doors rather than opening them. On Friday the programme threatened to be-

'We also have witty interviews with people like Sylvester Stallone'

come interesting when an argu-ment developed between a rap artist who claimed that the Bible advocated heterosexuality and presenter Mark Lamarr, who was cheered when he said "That's absolute crap". Who should step between them but Dani Behr? "Let's get on to something lighter,

actually" she urged, "because it is almost Christmas."

lightness? The Word has an Appreciation Index (the measure of a programme's popularity among those who paythed it) of arrand only the state of the programme of the state of the programme's popularity among those who paythed it) of arrand only the state of the programme of the p watched it) of around only 63 per cent. "Als on this

kind of programme are bound to be misleading, precisely because of its anti-establishment nature," argues executive producer Charlie Parsons — an ingenious way of saying that the less people like it, the more effective it is. More remarkably, The Word has made Janet Street-Porter's Def II output on BBC 2 look less lightweight itself, although its brief is admittedly different

Be that as it may, youth programmes on all channels are currently conceived and commis-sioned by people who are, relatively speaking, past it. Rachel Purnell (aged 35), executive editor of Def II, maintains that this is no problem: If you have got lots of brilliant ideas like Janet Street-Porter [46 this month! has ... she could be

The thought of Street-Porter pronouncing on youth culture from her Bath-chair is strangely plausi-ble. Surely, by then, television will have found more positive ways of addressing this area of program-ming than is currently the case. It is reassuring talking to Bill Hilary (aged 33) as he settles into his new job at Channel 4. "There is no such thing as a homogeneous group of young people," he argues. "It's about time we got back to asking young people the kind of things they would like to see. And our real competition over the next five or ten years will not be the BBC but BSkyB and MTV, satellite stations with a lot of passive television. It is important to get people watching things which are educational and

his sounds curiously akin to the old fashioned Reithian notion of public service broadcasting. If Hilary does develop an output built around his particular Holy Grail, "hard-hitting factual series", The Word's days seem numbered. Hilary does admit that "it's got to develop; we've got plans."

There is unquestionably a place for a programme which engages with the music and fashion industries, but the most striking aspect of The Word is how little it really does engage, so narrow is its scope, so sparing its wit. It divides its viewers neatly into two camps: those who are fans, and those who are fogeys. however young they are. For to sniff at *The Word* is to be serious, or worthy, or whatever other term of abuse is currently in vogue. For myself (aged 30), I at

that The Big Breakfast rejects the smug cosiness of other breakfast television. But I mind that these programmes depend on another kind of blandness, for this wastes an opportunity. I mind their promotion of flippant narcissism, for that belongs to the discredited 1980s. And if they really do reflect the achievement and ambition of contemporary youth, I mind that

# Mad reflections in a distorting mirror

simon Gray's latest vein, displayed here in Unnatural Pursuits (BBC 2) and in the recent "Screen One" Running Late, might at a pinch be called hallucinatory realism. We appear to be watching a routine Grayish depiction of the disintegration of a middle-aged man when supernature. middle-aged man when supernatural elements of fantasy or dream intervene to jog us out of our déjà vu disappointment.

Peter Bowles's arrogant television interviewer in Running Late was pursued by a mysterious rental van, and had rum encounters with little old ladies who turned nasty and bank managers who seemed nice. Alan Bates's alcoholic writer, in the first episode of this new twopart drama (the second part is to be broadcast tomorrow night at 9.30), neurotically badgering cast and director before the first night of his new play, was accosted by a threatening Irish beggar who might have been a theatre technician.

Later in Los Angeles (having been invited there by the owner of a fringe theatre apparently wealthier than London's Gate or

Bush) he was dogged by a manic skateboarder with a carving knife stuck in his trouser belt. At other times he broke incongruously into song and dance routines.

To this cynical reviewer these devices seemed more eyecatching than illuminat-ing. It was never clear whether these excursions into fantasy were signs that Hamish Partt (the writer whose name was predictably misspelt when he crossed the Atlantic) was cracking up, or evidence of a nightmarish menace lurking in the late 20th-century cities Partt moved through (though, it must be said, with very little sign of taking anything in). When reality and fantasy are ill-defined in the first place, the borderline between them loses its electric charge.

Gray's basic mistake was to make the central character a writer not obviously disindulgent collusion with Partt encouraged him to maunder woozily between genres: we were never sure

whether we were watching a tragic tale of the decline of a genuinely talented man into Chardonnaysodden self-loathing, or a wryfy comic look at the antics of the theatre world.

Some of the latter were undeniably amusing particularly when we moved from the London fringe to the LA one (on Wednesday the

show transfers to Dallas). Bob Balaban's paranoid, humourless director was a fine creation, instructing actors during rehearsal to use their life muscles and creating enough high-wire drama in his interplay with Paul Guilfoyle's earnestly intense theatre owner not to need scripts or casts. The satire here was far sharper than in the preceding London scenes.

The only really sad thing about all this was that substandard Gray had coincided with vintage Bares. When Alec Curus's camera lin-gered lovingly on Bates's fleshily sensual, still handsome but battered features, you could entirely forgive it: Bates treated this undeserving character, Partt, to a marvellously sensitive and subtle interpretation.

Small adjustments of his eye-brows, widening or narrowing of his eyes, suggested depths of panic swiftly covered up by an ironic humour which seemed aware of its own inadequacy. But all the sensi-tivity of his performance and the direction (by Christopher Morahan) lavished on this material



Alan Bates: marvellous performance in a role undeserving of his talents

failed to convince me that it deserved such treatment.

Gray's drama about a declining writer, who was tinkering with a mediocre play and unable to vivify his writing with fresh observation. seemed uncomfortably self-

HARRY EYRES

GALLERIES: John Russell Taylor on a neglected British painter

# Rediscovery in Euston Road



Bought by the Arts Council for the 1951 Festival of Britain: Miss Lynn, by Claude Rogers

ome artists have a knack of hitting a certain chord in public response which makes them not only respectable and respected, but also in some indefinable way fashionable. Others, like Claude Rogers, for equally indefinable reasons, do not. Though it is unfair, it is not wholly unexpected, therefore, that since his death in 1979 Rogers has been shamefully neglected. At least now there is a

show to put that right. Rogers figures in the history books primarily as one of the triumvirute who created the Euston Road School of sober realists in 1937 (the others being Victor Pasmore and William Coldstream). and as one of the five prizewinning painters whose submissions to the Festival of Britain "Sixty Paintings for '51" show were bought in a flurry of publicity by the Arts Council. The painting bought, Miss Lynn, now dominates the far

wall of the Ben Uri Gallery, along with another large, closely contem-porary work, The Homby Train, and does much to shape visitors' feelings about Rogers's work as a whole: academic painting at its best. The clothed, reclining figure of the sitter suggests a 20th-century answer to Madame Recamier, coolly poised in a neutral suburban interior, the composition is elegantly assured, fully aware of the long tradition behind it. And yet, none of these observations gives any idea of the vibrancy of the image, the way that it continues, long after one has first glimpsed it, to keep bouncing back off the adjacent walls. Even more so The Hornby Train, which is altogether bolder, making its pictorial space into a vaguely oriental abstract arrangement held together by the strongly patterned carpet. Of his two associates in the

Euston Road School, Rogers is

more like Coldstream in that he never broke completely with realistic observation, but he is more like Pasmore in his liveliness, inventiveness and sensuality. The human interest in Rogers's paintings, particularly the extraordinary series of hospital scenes, is intense, but never anecdotal. And Rogers clearly re-mained open from first to last to formal challenges: the late Fifties paintings of burning stubble fields take on an almost Expressionist intensity, and the later, almost abstract evocations of his excitement at the experience of flying are splendidly original and at the same time wholly consistent with his earlier development.

• Claude Rogers. Ben Uri Gallery, 21 Dean Street, W1 (071-437 2852) Mon-Thurs 10am-5om, Sun 2-5pm, until December 20. The show then travels to the Royal West of England Academy, Bristol (0272 735129) January 10 to February 13.

# Something of a surfeit of Beauty in prospect

The Sleeping Beauty. Three productions of his greatest ballet have already been announced, by the Royal Ballet, Birmingham Royal Ballet and English National Ballet. Now it is revealed that yet another is on its way, but this is Sleeping Beauty with a difference: the full-length ballet performed on ice by the "Russian All Stars", a group said to comprise 22 Olympic, world and European champions. Their tour opens at the Sunderland Empire on January 15 and visits a total of 17 English, Scottish and Welsh cities before June 12.

● AS the Shelley bicentenary year comes to an end, the British Library has reclaimed many of the manuscripts and first editions it lent to a commemorative exhibition mounted by the Wordsworth Trust at Dove Cottage, Grasmere. These will now form the basis of the British Library's own show, "Shelley: An Ineffectual Angel?", which runs in the Crawford Room until the end of February. Shelley's own annotated copy of his political poem Queen Mab, the manuscript of his Mont Blanc, his last surviv ing letter and several portraits are included in the exhibition. And for the more morbidly inclined, there are also fragments of his ashes, rescued from the flames when he was cremated on the beach near Viareggio, having drowned at the age of 29.

Light on Tyneside

NOT quite qualifying as a "green shoot of recovery", perhaps, but nevertheless welcome in this gloomy year is the news that Tyneside is to have a new £2.5 million arts complex. This week the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation will give the green light to a scheme to convert and develop the conservation area around the

Trickafley (Symphony No 5) 10.00 Adrien Lave 1.00-6.00em André Leon

WITH the 100th anniversary of Tchaikovsky's death coming up on the bank of the Tyne at Mill next year, there will be no escaping Dam in South Shields. With two auditoria (seating 150 and 400 people) and a gallery, it will allow films, music, theatre and exhibitions in an area where arts facilities are limited. Building is expected to begin in the new year.

> ●THE poet Derek Walcott has decided to use part of his prize money as this year's Nobel Laureate for Literature to boost theatrical life in the West Indies. He will

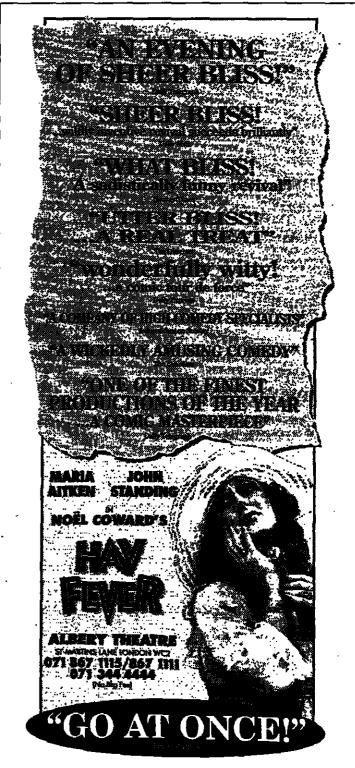
#### **ARTS** BRIEFING

£60,000 to a Trinidad theatre workshop company; the money will build a library complex. Walcott has also spurred the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago into inaugurating a scholarship to send an aspiring writer or actor from the Caribbean to study with him at Princeton University in Boston, where he lectures.

Last chance . . .

WHEN British playwrights tackle biblical themes their efforts seem to crumple under the strain of respecting holy matters. The writers of Spain's Golden Age were of sterner stuff, and Tirso de Molina's Rape of Tamar is a vigorous example of the form, bracingly translated by Paul Whitworth and performed by Theatre Manoeuvres at the Lyric Studio, Hammersmith (08)-741 8701, until Saturday). The couplets are witty and the costumes sumptu-ous while the infighting and lust tearing out the heart of King David's family is animated with tremendous verve. What a field day the tabloid royal-watchers would

have had in Jerusalem, BC1000.



#### **LONDON**

TENDER IS THE NORTH: A week-long mini-festival within this month's calabration of Nordic culture locuses on new music and includes a sene concerts by the ensemble Avantal 1 lestval arms to put works by contemporary Nordic composers in

Contact by programming them dongsid 20th-century classics by Berg, Ligeti, Mississem and Talesmitteu. The Place, 17 Dures 5 Road, WC1 (071-387 0031), tonight-Thurs, 7 30pm. LONDON SINFONIETTA: The group's th anniversary celebrations, continue in a concert under Lothar Zagrosek including music by Lutoslaw

Femeyhough and Britwistie, as well as a new work by the edectic young American composer Michael Torke. Couen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank. London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm. THOMAS ALLEN: The desinguished hish baraone continues the "Tender's the North" festival with a song rectal that most rarely heard pieces by such Northic composers as Nystruem. Peterson-Berger, Ahraes and Sinding with more lamiter cycles by Beethoven and Williams.

Wigmore Hati, 36 Wigmore Street. London W1 (071-935 2141). 7.30pm LONDON CITY BALLET: The company opens its annual Sedier's Wells season today with Romae and Judet The cast leatures Kim Miller and Paul Thrussell as the lovers. Later in the week guest artists Eva Evockmova and Paul Chaimer take the leading roles at some performances. some performances Sadier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), tonight-Sat, 7 30pm, mai Sat, 2 30pm

☐ ANNIE GET YOUR GUN: Irving Berin's pre-feminist musical is no mode for a Nineties women but the songs are nist musical is no mode smply lemic.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-639 5967) Tues-Sat, 7-30pm, mals Thurs, Set, Sun, 3pm 160mms

El ASSASSIRS: Sondhelm's sharp and successful musical explores the impulse that drives no-hopers to kill American Presidents. Donmer Warehouse, Eartham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 105/mlns ☐ HAY FEVER: Very funny

performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat. Spm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mms. IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common room; matron cutraged, doctors flummosted, Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, wC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fn, 8pm. Sat, 8.30pm, mars Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm

[3] AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Arma L.) All BUEAL HUSBARHUL HITS Carterst, Harnish Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done. Globe, Shefflesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494-5065) Mon-Sar, 74Spm, mels Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 185mlns.

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN Tremandously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical it coensers the values of Manuel Purg's novel but Chita Filvera makes a striong varrip. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Set, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm 180mins

El LOST IN YONKERS: Terrific performance by Rosemary Hams in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than al. Maureen Lipman gwes good value as a loopy earnt. Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 160mins.

☐ MURDER BY MISADVENTURE: Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play crime writers who fall out and pit their wicked wits against each other; run-of-the-mill thrills.

Whitehell, Whitehell, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Set, 8.30pm, mets Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 5.30pm. 120mins.

NEW RELEASES DEATH BECOMES HER (PG).
Meryl Streep and Golde Hawn battle to attain eternal youth. Ice-cold black comedy, ultimately swamped by special

effects. Stars Bruce Willis: director. Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulbam Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

ELECTRIC MOON (15): Pradip ELECTRIC MODIFICATION (15): Papp Krishen's bloched satire about Western tourists fed a phoney version of Indian life. With Rosten Seth. MGM Panton Skreet (071-930 0631) Electric (071-792 2020)

SLACKER (15): College-ege leyebouts in Austin, Texas, vent crazy thoughts on tile, the Smurts and UFOs Striking debut by firm-maker Richard Linkfater, with an arreleur cast Metro (071-437 0757)

◆ THIS IS MY LIFE (12). When a This is MY LIFE (12). When a single parent becomes a top comederine, what happens to her two needy kids? Patchy comedy with rears.
 Director, Nora Ephron.
 Chelses (071-351 3742/3743) MGM.
 Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)
 Screen on the Hilf (071-435 3366). THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD-

Adventures of a Chinese gri (Rosslind Chaot sent to a Gold Rush mining town. Slickly peckaged mush an American TV move writ large, Director, Nancy Keily Mational Film Theatre (071-928 3232)

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

HAMLET AND KING LEAR, After & Elx month tour the Compass Theatre Company comes to London to perform two of Shelespeare's trapedies using only eight actors and a molmel set. Litten Baylis Theetre, Arlington Way, EC1 (071-837 4104). Harries, lodey, 1.30pm and 7.45pm, tomorrow, 7.45om. Knw. Law. 7.45pm. King Leer, Thurs-Sat, 7.45pm, met Thurs 1.30pm.

nes inure isophic DON GUNCOTE: Vince Foxal's production of the legendary story retold in popular style includes flamenco dancing and the sturm of the Spanish gustar. The sudience will be offered Spanish lood and drink during the parformance Directed by Ted Craig. Opening right.
The Wereinouse Theatre, Dingwall
Road, Croydon (081-880 4060), tonight-sat, 8pm, mai Sun, 5pm.

MOTHER EARTH/THE elements of rock music into jazz car bes style funk bands who bring

compositions. Jazz Café, London NW1 (071-284 BROSSA: A funny, paradeocal, shamelessly accentric show of the alan sculptor, poet and playwright's acts, books, texts and graphic works

Si OURI SONG: Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a memopausal mate's infatuation with a young woman. Neathy done though we only hear the man's coint of view. man's point of view Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fn, 8.15pm, Set, 6pm

RADIO TIMES: Tony Stattery in a tun Imp down Memory Lane, set in wantme Broadcasting House, bursting with spngittly Noel Gay numbers. Ouesto's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494-5040). Mon-Fri, 7 30pm, Sal, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sal, 4.30pm.

Som, mat Sat. 4 30cm, 145mins. THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE

■ STAGES: Haunting performance by Alan Bates as the weshed-up artist in David Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay Anderson directs. National (Cottesloes), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm, mats tomorrow, 4pm. 85mins. or evil? Tony Harrison looks at four

tamous munition-makers. Largely ternate good acting but off-puttingly earnest. putargy earnst. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Today-Wed, 7,15pm, Wed mat, 2pm. 185mins.

CINEMA GUIDE

films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

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◆ THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS

(12) Romance and adventure in the American colonies with frontiersman Daniel Day-Lewis, Shalfow version of the classic novel; director Michael Mann.

+ HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15):

CURRENT

**REGIONAL** 

BRADFORD: Since taking over the Neclements Dama Theader in 1978, the Czech-born Jiri Kyllen has turned it into one of the world's finest on the strangth choreography. This is the troupe's first visit to Britain in 17 years and well worth the trip to Bradford for serious dance the trip to protection, night.

are seeding Theatre, Morley Street.

(0274-752000), tonight-Sat, 7 30pm. WORKSOP: In Burbara Thompson's Sans Frontiers, the British samphonis and composer has brought logather some of Europe's linest jazz musicians rr a band featuring italian trumpater Enrico Rava, Dutch plants, lasper Vi Hot, Danish bassist Bo Statt, Polish

Hot, Danish bessel for Stern, Polish wolfnist Michael Utbaniek and Thompson's husband, fusion drummer Jon Hiseman. Regal Arts Centre, Cartion Road, Worksop (0909 482896), sonight, Spro. worksop (0909 482896), tonight, 8pm University of Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry (0203 524524), Thurs, Bpm. Stables Theatre, Wavendon (0906 683928), Fri, 7.15pm.

SSIONS OF BELIEF: AT EXPRESSIONS OF BELLET: An ambitious traveling enhibition originaling in Rotardam, receiving its only British showing in Liverpool, brings logistier ceremonial, ritual and personal objects from the various religious backgrounds of Africe, Oceania and Indonesia. Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street (051-207 0001). Mon-Sal, 10am-Spr., Sun, midday-Spm.

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Smon

Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane. Christopher Gee play ell 26 perts. male and female, in Giles Hevergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham

represents apapasation of Green's novel.
Wyndfrem's, Channg Cross Road,
WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Fn, Sprn, Sat,
8,15prn, mats Wed, 3prn, Sat, 5prn.
140mins.

☐ WEXFORD TRILOGY, Billy Roche's

affectionate, sed, comic thiopy (separate plays, connected in mood). A Handkul of Stars thing time in a pool hall leads to doing time in gool. Poor Basst in the Rain: a man who took a mend's wife of

ream: a man who books me bo swind on to England rebums affer ten years. Beffy: a gentle sacristan talis in love with another men's wife, Bush, Shopherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743,3388) In rep Mon-Frl, 8pm, Sat

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Phentium of the Onaire: Her Meterby's

#### ☐ THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD: Harrier Walter perfect again in revival of this subtle, comic state-of-the-ristion play, set in a world of shalling THEATRE GUIDE values and plummating art-prices. Royal Court, Stoane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat

4om, 150mins

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THE RAPE OF TAMAR: Theatre
Manoeuvres' widly staged and sprightly
version of Tirso de Molina's account of
inpest in the House of David. Last week.
Lyric Studio Hammersmath, King
Street, W6 (081-741 8701), Mon-Set,
Research County of Molinary of Molinary

A Trace high standard and Jane Horocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a stry girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingensus but incredible. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-839 6404), Mon-Sal, 8pm, mat Sal, 4pm.

Ticket information supplied by SWET

With Medeleine Stowe, Russell Means, Camden Parloway (071-267 7034) MGM Folfners Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haystanick (071-839 1527) MGM Haystanick (071-839 1527) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 2320 OF NECE AND MEN (PG): Malkovich as the slow-without Lamie; director Gany Sinise as his protector. Simple, sturdy and moving. Curzon West End (071-439 4805) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Withdows (071-434 0031) UCI

gurman becomes obsessed with a hostage's griffmand. Bold, powerful Netl Jorden film that latters at the close. Curzon Phoenic (071-240 9861) MGM Haymarket (071-639 1527). eys (071-792 3332). Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

PETERTS PREENDS (15): College pals mest up after a decade for a glib mixture of taughter and tears. Kenneth Bransgh directs Emma Thompson, Stephen Fry, Pita Rucher and himself. Burbican (071-838 8991) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-836 6149) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kersington (0426 914665) Plazz (071-437 9999) Screen on Baior Street (071-92 3332).

A SISTER ACT (PG): Whosen Real-estate salesmen light for their lives. Energetic version of David Mamet's play, though Jack Lemmon goes over ◆ HUSSANDS AND WIVES (15): Woody Aller's best firm in years, a lacerating tale of collapsing New York mamages Stars Allen, Max Ferrow, Judy Dass, Lam Neeson, Judiette Lewis. Barblean (071-638 8891) MGM

◆ SISTER ACT (PG) Whoops SISTEIR ACT (PG): Whoopi Goldbern hides out in a convent. Continved but desarming, warm-hearted correctly. Maggie Smith as the Mother Superior. Director. Emile Ardolmo. Camden Parricusz (071-485 9772) MGM Chelses (071-385 5096) Ordeons: Kenstington (0426 914696) Marble Arch (0426 914501) UC1 Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

# DANCE: visiting choreographer Jiri Kylian interviewed; Birmingham Royal Ballet reviewed



Premiered in 1986, new to Britain: Six Dances, choreographed by Kylian, is part of the Nederlands Dans Theater programme for Bradford

# First, you try to be original

ime was when British audiences knew Nederlands Dans Theater well as one of Europe's top companies, a forcing ground for new work, an inspiration for British directors, choreographers and dancers. So why is this week's visit to Bradford its first time in Britain for 17 years?

The short answer is that the company outgrew us. Under Jiri Kylian. who was appointed director eight after its last London season in 1975, the company grew larger; he also made the dances bigger and faster. "We simply would not fit Sadler's Wells any more,' he told me: and where else is available in London? The company has had to wait for the new generation of regional theatres

Also, Kylian has often used ambitious music — "Not only a large orchestra, but choirs, special instru-ments, soloists" — and he has found that Musicians' Union rules can "cut deep into the flesh of dance companies". The Bradford week is only possible because the one-off European Arts Festival is picking up the tab.

Kylian himself is a prototype European: born and educated in Prague; a year in London at the Royal Ballet School: seven years with the Stuttgart Ballet where he became a leading dancer and began choreography; and based ever since in the Hague. How does he think of himself? Very conscious of his Czech roots (he quotes a saying, "You should always know what

HAPPY birthday to The Nutcracker.

100 years old this month. Peter

Wright's Birmingham Royal Ballet

production seems properly celebratory.

It discards the stifling tastefulness of the Royal Baller's (also by Wright),

avoids the choreographic thinness of

English National Ballers, and con-

jures up the Christmas magic which

The pivotal figure of Drosselmeyer

himself has magical powers; and in

Wright's version he has countless

conjuring tricks up his sleeve, which

pleased the children in the audience no

end. It mattered only a little that Peter

Ottevanger did not quite bring them

off with David Yow's panache at the

evening performance, or match Yow's

Even more magical, John Mac-

sombre authority.

children know and adults remember.

Nederlands Dans Theater is visiting Britain for the first time since 1975. Jiri Kylian, the company's

artistic director, explains why to John Percival

have drunk') but very cosmopolitan too. He remarks that the Czech national anthem begins "Where is my home?" and gives his own definition: 'Home is where my friends are, and where my work is.

He puzzled for a long time about the programmes for Bradford: "How do you say hello again, here we are, after such a long time?" In the event there are six of his works and one apiece by William Forsythe and Hans van Manen. NDT has never been a onechoreographer company, although the Dutch press attacked Kylian in his early days there for doing too much.
"I was very critical of that criticism."

he told me. "If you have a creator who can interest dancers, his output must become important in the repertoire of the company. And if you don't have any grounds of your own, you can't invite people onto it."

Norsythe and Van Manen are just wo of the choreographers happy nowadays to step on the artistic ground Kylian has prepared, together with Mats Ek and Ohad Naharin - all of them, to our shame, much better known in Europe than in Britain.

he replied: "There is only one thing I look for: originality. It's the only thing that counts.

There is no lack of originality in Kylian's own works, although he sees them as continuing and extending a great tradition. "I used to say that I was influenced by Tetley, Bejart, Robbins; but if you look behind it all, you keep coming back to Graham and Balanchine, those gigantic figures of the century, nobody goes untouched by

"Also, there is an ethnic influence in my work, from those so-called primitive societies (although they are very sophisticated) who are still in touch with their environment, respect their origins, see the land, the flora and fauna, and the people like the sides of an equilateral triangle. The time I spent in the Australian outback in 1980 affected me deeply. I remember one man who told me why he danced: 'Because my father taught me and because I must teach my son.' He saw himself as a tiny link in an endless chain.

"If you have a strong enough personality, you digest what you see and spit it up in your own way. And maybe my work is more eclectic than How does he choose which choreog- other choreographers. There are so

dance as in language - you can give your tongue different shapes. I like languages — I speak six (well, five and

"The odd thing is, although I was with John Cranko for a long time at the beginning. I don't think that he left any influence on me at all in the mechanics of choreography. I was influenced by him as a human being: an open mind always ready for adventure, for experience."

For all his international acclaim. Kylian is a modest man, not given to self-aggrandisement. When I pointed out that he has now been in charge of NDT for longer than all it previous directors put together, his comment was: "I hadn't thought of that." NDT now has its own home, which it owns and manages: the Dans Theater in the Hague. It has long had an apprentice company of young dancers, NDT 2; last year Kylian added another group. NDT 3. exclusively for older dancers in works made to use their mature artistry in spite of declining technique. "It's not really a company, it's an idea," he says. "It has brought so much freshness to our building and to our possibilities as choreographers. Having three companies, having a home of our own, having the possibility to invite other choreographers to work with us: today I find that I have more than I could in my wildest dreams have wished for." ■ Nederlands Dans Theater performs at the

bread you have eaten, what water you raphers to invite? Without hesitation, many ways of expressing yourself, in 752000), tonight to Saturday.

# Tricks and magic galore

include enough dever effects to keep our interest sharp. Clara flies through the sky on a snow goose;

remote-controlled mice whizz about the

stage; the scenery slides and slots into place so smoothly that the changes themselves become part of the enchantment. Wright wisely does not undermine this with smart-alec psycholo-gical or narrative complications. My only qualm concerns his decision to make the Sugar Plum Fairy an incarnation of Clara. The two roles are taken by dissimilar dancers and the

The Nutcracker Birmingham Hippodrome

feet, played the matinee Clara with a perfectly gauged ecstatic sweetness. In the evening, Anna Villadolid, a delicate Filipina dancer currently with the Bavarian State Ballet, breathed intelligence into every facet of her reading. But she looks too self-consciously active compared with the lower-key dramatic style around her - too thrilled, too innocent, too playful.

As the Sugar Plum Fairy and Prince, Sandra Madgwick and Edwin Mota

in the afternoon seemed miscast and stolid. Monica Zamora and Joseph Cipolla had elegance and grandeur, marred when Zamora suffered a mishap which visibly distressed her. Even so, she has everything: beauty, technique and a poetic musicality that reaches the heart of Tchaikovsky. It was a pity that Philip Ellis accompanied her in the pit, not Mark Ermler this romnany debutt who earlier had (his company debut) who earlier had produced such lavish sonorities.

Zamora is Birmingham's new ballerina. The company generally seems to be building strength from below. David Dawson revealed a crisp athleticism as the jack-in-the-box: Evan Williams, a wonderful plastique and theatricality in the Arabian Dance.

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# When Uncle Joe was a matinee idol

FILM: Geoff Brown makes some fascinating discoveries at an Italian festival exploring the dark corners of cinematic history

verybody loves him: Comrade Stalin, the people's friend, who tirelessly strives to uphold Lenin's tenets and spread happiness, prosperity and five-year plans throughout the Soviet Union. Though great affairs weigh upon him at the Kremlin, he still finds time to enjoy birdsong, chat with peasant mothers, and pass the time in Red Square. Always benign, always in pristine condition: more like a statue or a fine waxwork replica

SEMILIE .

Baller town

than a human being.

This is the Stalin of Soviet cinema, famously impersonated by Mikhail Gelovani in more than 20 worshipful films of the Thirties and Forties. One of the most extravagant, The Fall of Berlin, was screened on November 22 to general amazement at the London Film Festival. It surfaced again the following week at Bologna's sixth festi-val of "Cinema Ritrovato", a

seven-day celluloid binge devoted to poking in history's corners. The festival offered many wonders, but Gelovani's Stalin reigned supreme, especially when he flew into ruined Berlin, dressed in dazzling white duds, while the flags of all nations rushed to meet him - a God come

The Bologna event, jointly organised by the Bologna Cinematheque and the 21st Mostra Internazionale del Cinema Libero, had two chief programming strands. One section surveyed European cinema's turbulent transition to sound. The other investigated the ways Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini used cinema to strut their egos and mould the masses' minds. Few film festivals I have recently attended have been so physically arduous; none has proved so mentally stimulating, so packed with provocations.

For the totalitarian section, the organisers scoured the archives for features, documentaries and newsreels, many unseen since their original release. In 1953 Stalin's death prompted The Great Sorrow. a lush feature-length account of his funeral, filmed in eye-popping Sovcolor: the red lining to Stalin's coffin looks so fetching that you want to stroke it. But once Khrushchev came to power and denounced his predecessor, the film itself became a corpse, and the generation of artists who deified

History has been particularly hard on Mikhail Chiaureli, perhaps the director most associated

with Stalinist cinema. For in The Vow and, particularly, The Fall of Berlin, he shows considerable talent for choreographing battles and symbolic gestures. The Fall of Berlin, matched to a threadbare but thunderous Shostakovich score, also offers a great vaudeville show, with vivid caricatures of world. leaders. Churchill has the right buildog face and puffing cigar, but looks to tall. Vladimir Saveley's scuttling, crazed Hitler is far more

successful, a comic demon who gradually steals this extraordinary film from under Stalin's nose. Germany and Italy's dictators steered clear of direct representations in fiction films: the newsreels were more their stomping ground. Instead they appeared by historical

'Dictators needed a talking cinema: without the sound. Mussolini looks like a puffing bullfrog'

proxy. Veit Harlan's *Der Grosse* König (a mix of stirring battles and depressing stodge) saw Hitler as Frederick the Great: a beleaguered but obstinate leader, devoted to saving the Fatherland.

Over in Italy, Giovacchino Forzano's Campo di Maggio, long thought lost, presented Mussolini as Napoleon, a charismatic leader with grand imperial dreams. Forzano directs like an enraged bull, and Napoleon himself, dressed in ill-fitting trousers and a creased coat, hardly appears the heroic figure of myth. Yet like Forzano's Fascist chronicle Camicia Nera, the film forges ahead with gusto, and never gives in to its faults.

Dictators needed a talking cine-ma to twist nations round their fingers: remove the sound from a Mussolini speech and you are left with a puffing bullfrog. But their voices were only part of the aural avalanche Bologna offered. Horses' hoofs, fire-engine bells, opera divas, foghorns, stars from music-hall and cabaret we heard them all, in experimental shorts, hybrid parttalkies, multi-lingual features and the other strange blooms of the early sound years.

low profile at festivals of film history. But we earned our place in earth, the man deserves a good the sound section with Hitchcock's

Blackmail (screened in its silent version), the revue film Elstree Calling, Asquith's highly-charged A Cottage on Dartmoor, Victor Saville's Kitty (novelettish, but endearing), and samples of E.A. Dupont, the top German director who landed in Britain and never quite recovered.

Dupont's work showed the worst perils of the talkies. A silent master of urban atmosphere, he was given two films laden with dialogue, set in confined spaces: the Titanic in Atlantic, a lighthouse in Cape Fortom. He was also required to direct, shot by shot, in three languages, with three separate casts waiting their turn in the studio; he was working for British International Pictures, and they took the

International seriously. The German version of Atlantic screened at Bologna was certainly better than its English up aching for the ship to sink.

Across the channel, they grasped sound more imagi-natively. Two films stood out for their music. Plot and images were bizarre enough in Dimini Kirsanov's Rapt. a symbolic tale of two mountain communities locked in hate.

But the adventurous score of Honegger and Arthur Hoérée, with its raging storm effects and prominent part for the walling ondes martenot, lifted this Swiss film onto a rarefied plane all its

Another unexpected treat came with Julien Duvivier's Les Cinq Gentlemen Maudits, screened in its German version. The plot itself is nothing special: a Moroccan conjurer prophecies sudden death for five visiting gents, who must solve the enigma before the bell tolls. Effective location work, a survey of the prophecies and the survey of the prophecies of th young Anton Walbrook, crisp photography, and fascinating set designs from Lazare Meerson give the film stature. The final ingredient is Jacques Ibert's truly intoxicating score, bathed in Mediterranean colour and brittle sounds.

Film festivals from Cannes downwards always thrive on discoveries, even if the discovered film is 60 years old. Like the restorations screened at the London Film Festival, the best of Bologna's "Cinema Ritrovato" showed that film history should never be left just with academics and archivists. We need wider access to cinema's everastonishing past, on television, video or in specialist theatres. After all, when lovable Stalin walks the



A great vaudeville show: Mikhail Gelovani as Stalin (above), upstaged by Vladimir Savelev as Hitler (below) in The Fall of Berlin



CLASSICAL MUSIC: a virtuoso percussion concerto; stirring Sibelius; the case for a neglected composer; and a rough guide to Mozart

# From here to infinity, for a change

Per Norgard's Percussion Concerto, called For a Change, first saw life in 1982 as a solo work for Gert Mortensen: this orchestral version emerged shortly afterwards, but until Sunday's performance by Evelyn Glennie at the Festival Hall it had not been heard in London. Norgard's structure is apparently based on the mathematical concept of an infinity row. The spiritual imagery of the piece, however, comes from the I Ching, the Chinese Book of Changes - hence

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the punning title.

The four conjoined movements represent four of the 64 states of being. But the piece can also be heard straightforwardly as a concerto about itself, a meaty work with a background that varies between noisy, brass-dominated anarchy (in the first movement) and a simple, sweet diatonic euphony in the accompaniment that recalls the more popular side of Copland. Norgard is nothing if not eclectic.

Or, indeed, it could simply be about virtuosity, though the virtuosity demanded here is less a superficial showing off than something more akin to that demanded in a work like, say, Boulez's Second Piano Sonata: if you ask everything and more of your soloist so that he or she finds the challenge nearly impossible, something extra emerges from the music. So Glennie had to play as even she can never have played before.

A nybody who doubts the val-ue of the BBC's expensive staff orchestras need look no

further than last Friday's concert at

the Royal Northern College of

Music in Manchester.



Evelyn Glennie: playing as even she has never played before

At the opening she unleashed an almighty barrage of sound on rototoms, furious and loud, interrupted only by the howlings of the orchestra. Music of a more delicate nature for an array of gongs followed, and then a section which demanded the simultaneous playing of glockenspiel and bells, the latter activated by foot. Then, towards the end of this sequence of conjoined movements there was a breathtakingly brilliant cadenza much of the work seemed to consist of these - for maximba.

Though very much cast in a supporting role, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Paul Daniel tackled the score ably and enthusiastically. More incongruous

a sequel to Britten's A Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra can hardly be imagined.

Two nights previously the Philharmonia Orchestra and Claus Peter Flor performed Janácek's symphonic poem Taras Bulba, finished, after years of cogitation, in 1918. This is a mighty and vivid work, and its music bears as close a relationship to the narrative as anything by Richard Strauss.

Here its colours duly blazed in gore and glory alike, so that the expansive and lovely Violin Concerto of Dvorák afterwards seemed rather tame in comparison. Frank Peter Zimmerman, the soloist, nevertheless made a gorgeous sound, moulding his phrasing flexibly and adopting a pleasingly unostentatious mien, physically

The following evening at the Wigmore Hall the chamber group Domms gave what they billed as the first public performance in modern times of the version for Piano and String Quartet of Mozart's Piano and Wind Quintet, K452. There is doubt as to whether or not Mozart himself was responsible for this arrangement. But this version, not just a straightforward transcription, works just as beautifully as its model, especially when played with the elegance and understanding shown in this reading.

STEPHEN PETTITT

# Striking Korngold brings rich rewards

Here was the BBC Philhar-monic in powerful form, responding with precision and enthusiasm professionally secure, he made an to the passionate advocacy of Sir apparently unsuccessful attempt to Edward Downes in a programme of music that could never hope to pay the bills of a commercial orchestra today, namely the work of re-establish himself in "serious" music. The only work that has made any inroads on the repertory is his opera Die tote Stadt of 1920. Erich Wolfgang Korngold.
Korngold is a fascinating figure. Some of his music has been recorded in recent years, but live

Hailed as a genius by Mahler, Richard Strauss and Sibelius, conperformances are almost nonsidered one of the leading composers of the age in the late 1920s, he Downes opened with the opulent and sturing interhide from Act III escaped to Hollywood and became of Korngold's opera Das Wunder a major influence on the early evolution of film music. Then in his der Heliane, from 1927. It is music

last years, now financially and of such high intensity that you wonder what could possibly be powerful enough to precede and follow it. But, more to the point, it is thoroughly distinctive music in a fully-formed style that seems to owe nothing to anybody else.

That is predictably rather less the case with the orchestral songs, Abschiedslieder, finished in 1920, when he was only 23. Here Korngold seems to have learned too much of the wrong kind of thing from Mahler and Zemlinsky, with adipose textures that often

buried the otherwise wonderful

singing of Linda Finnie.
But the greatest surprise was the contrast between these and his only symphony, of 1952. This could have been a different composer. very much a man of the 1950s, on a blind tasting one might easily have guessed that the opening movements were by Malcolm Arnold. And it was the close juxtaposition of those two aspects of Korngold that provided the concert's main fascination: both eloquent, astonishingly polished and conceived with aweinspiring precision, but showing those qualities in entirely different ways. Perhaps the world is not yet ready for a full-blown Korngold revival; but musicianship of this order merits a hearing.

DAVID FALLOWS

Prokofiev (Symphony No 5) 10.00 Adrian Love 1.00-6.00am André Leon

# e was ill-rocked in his cradle: that was the trouble with Kullervo, archetypal anti-hero of Finnish folklore, moulded into life by the compiler of the Kalevala (Finland's national epic) and sung back to life by a succession of Finnish composers. Sibelius turned to his story early in his composing life. The struggles

of the luckless boy, as recreated in his 1892 Kullervo Symphony, were to join the rumblings of defiance, the fight for self-identity of those who, in the spirit of Kullervo, were to lead Finland to independence in 1917. There could hardly have been a better way of celebrating the 75th anniversary of that independence than for Sir Colin Davis and the London Symphony Orchestra to continue their Sibelius cycle with

the Kullervo Symphony on Sunday.
Sir Colin's revelatory performances of Sibelius have been tuning the ear and the spirit to something at the heart of the composer's thinking. This made appreciation of the early work all

# **Finnish** as they started

the more acute. The five movements are uniquely programmatic they follow the story of Kullervo from his lonely and unwittingly definquent youth, on to his fateful, and also unwitting, rape of his own sister, through to his revenge and his ultimate suicide.

Jaunty rhythms are juxtaposed with dark, downturning intervals, life-affirming momentum with the numb thud of fate and remorse. In among Sibelius's pulsing strings, a solo clarinet will suddenly trill out (Kullervo himself "trilled among the spruces"). A sombre, limping three beats are suddenly slashed by

the high, bright freefall of a violin phrase; this is to recur, chillingly, at the point of Kullervo's death.

The pain-bearing metre and inflections of the *Kalevala*'s verse itself, sometimes pounding forward, sometimes lyrical, rise out of the symphony in the third and fifth choral movements. On Sunday, the Barbican was treated to the hard consonants and dark, springing vowels of the men of the Helsinki University Chorus. The vividness of their performance made it difficult to believe that Sibelius, concerned about his own ignorance of authentic Kalevala metre, had wanted to withdraw the work.

Jorma Hynninen, who has recently sung himself deep into the character in Aulis Sallinen's new Kullervo opera, sang Sibelius's solo music on Sunday. The soprano Soile Isokoski made an equally memorable contribution as the Sister, in another "Tender is the North" blockbuster.

HILARY FINCH

# Spontaneous by arrangement

W W Martiand, programmes pieces by Mozart with his Band,

you expect to see some damage

done to Wolfgang Amadeus. On Sunday night at the Union Chapel

in Islington, however, Martland presented the Serenade in C minor,

K388, just as its composer intended, for a pair each of oboes,

Martland may not be the world's

greatest conductor: his beat is

inflexible, his ear for balance and

tonal blending fallible. But he

delivered the fast movements with a

degree of panache, and the Andan-

clarinets, horns and bassoons.



Steve Martland: panache,

but not much refinement

te with an appealing sense of its lyrical line. Only the Menuetto seemed excessively heavy-handed. He is evidently not aiming at the kind of refinement a top wind

ensemble might produce, and in any case his players would scarcely be able to deliver: the first oboe often sounded ill-tuned and strangulated, and there were odd squawks lower down too. What Martland does convey is the outdoor spontaneity of such a piece. The effect when he let the horns have their head was vulgar but splendidly exhilarating.

Martland's own arrangements of six opera arias by Mozart had the

hen the "hard man" of same lapel-grabbing quality. Ex-classical music, Steve tending his palette with a pungent cor anglais, a chuckling doublebassoon and a cackling soprano sax, he drew lively renderings of two arias each from Don Giovanni, The Magic Flute, and The Marriage of Figaro. Balance and blend were again less than immaculate. But the spirit was infectious. I particularly enjoyed the chortling of the soprano sax in Leporello's "Catalogue Aria".

Sharing little with the Steve Martiand Band except a record label, the men of the vocal ensemble I Fagiolini occupied the first half of the concert with a sequence of sacred and secular Renaissance works by Tallis, Josquin and Gombert (the latter's pupil). With this ensemble, by contrast, intonation, blend and balance are irreproachable. The clean, perfectly groomed sound, together with the rich, often spicy harmonies of the pieces, and the wonderfully resonant acoustic of the building, made for a delightful set of performances. The characterful High Victorian interior of the Union Chapel. especially when so atmospherically lit, offers an attractive venue of which more use should be made.

BARRY MILLINGTON

RUGBY LEAGUE

Visit of Wigan is

money-spinner

for Workington

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WORKINGTON Town, the the easiest ride into the semi-

FROM SIMON BARNES IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

AFTER the Dream Team, the Nightmare Scenario. In that world of horrors, where the cooks are always British, the police French, the drivers Italian and the bureaucrats Indian, one would probably pick the Americans as the diplomatic corps - and place John McEnroe as chef de mission.

After the United States beat Switzerland 3-1 in a tumultuous Davis Cup final over the weekend, the Dream Team of McEnroe. Andre Agassi, Jim Courier and Pete Sampras overcoming the gallant efforts of Marc Rosset and Jakob Hiasek, the air was full of speculation about their next Davis Cup captain.

Clearly, you need a man calm in a crisis, able to take life's up and downs in his stride, capable of saying and doing the right thing in tri-umph and adversity, and of keeping his head when all around are losing theirs and blaming it on you. A man with a broad, non-insular, nonxenophobic nature: above all,

a man of tact and charm.
Step forward, John McEnroe. You may think he cannot be serious, but he is. The present captain, Tom Gorman, was expected to be reappointed over the weekend, but this has not happened. McEnroe has long made it clear that he longs to be Davis Cup captain.

He gave no hints about his hopes over the weekend. He kept himself in purdah; perhaps wisely. A question from the press about his marital difficulties would not have gone down well.

After the win, the rest of the United States team came in and all said how they loved playing Davis Cup and how committed they were to playing for their country. So we asked them, one by one, if they were going to play the first round of the competition next year, in Australia.

Courier: "I have no plans for

OFTAILS

United States names first SINGLES: A Agassi bt J Hlasek, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2, J Courter lost to M Rosset, 3-DOUBLES: J McErroe and P Sampres bt Hlasek and Rosset, 6-7, 6-7, 7-5, 6-1, 6-2.

have any idea." Sampras: "I haven't given much thought

There are two possible interpretations of this. One is that tennis players will do anything for their country, unless anything more profitable turns up. The other is that the players would refuse to play unless McEnroe is appointed

Corman will talk things through with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) this week. The USTA president next year, a man called, believe it or not, J. Howard "Bumpy" Frazer, was asked if there was a players' rebellion in the air. He said: "Thar's a hard question for me to answer, so I may not answer. I very much respect our players, and I think we have to cross that bridge a little

Agassi said: "We all support John being captain. We all enjoyed Tom being captain as well." It seems that the moment for McEnroe joining the diplomatic corps cannot be long delayed.

rather more of an internationalist approach to life - they even gave all their press conferences in English, as an instinctive courtesy — found the diplomacy of the United States a little tricky to deal with. The outbreaks of "trash talking" from the United States bench were bewildering

As Rosset beat Courier in an epic and unforgettable fivesetter, McEnroe and Agassi shouted for Courier from the bench - and also mocked and insulted Rosset.

The Americans could not understand why the Swiss were upset by this. "That's what Davis Cup is all about," Agassi said. Hlasek made a brief and dignified statement, saying that the American players should show more respect to their opponents. Gorman did, indeed, ask the players to be a little quieter. I wonder what Mac would have done.

However, the Swiss came away from the final with their reputation high: marvellous fighters, and good losers to boot. But as the American diplomat would no doubt say, show me a good loser and I'll



Time to celebrate: McEnroe is among the first to congratulate Courier after his decisive win over Hlasek

This has always been the American way. We Brits often chide ourselves for the respect we accord gallant failures. The Americans were given a lesson in the beauties of failure over the weekend. If McEnroe can see past the chimera of victory, he will find this concept helpful in his diplomatic career.

"The United States have more players in the top ten than we have in the whole computer," Hlasek said. But the players ranked 35th and 36th in the world were, according to the captain, Dimitri Strudza, two balls away from stealing the Davis Cup.

Rosset missed a set point in the second set against Courier; had he taken that he might have won in three sets instead of five, and been fresher for the doubles. In that match, Rosset and Hlasek had a two-set lead, and then Rosser's monstrous

broken to lose the third set and then, tiring, the Swiss let the match slip away from them.

It was an epic weekend of the most surbulent sport. Defeat enhanced the Swiss players more than victory did the Americans, though I don't suppose Mac and Co see it quite like that.

it was McEnroe's fervour that turned the tie around. "He was pumped. Let's kick esting to see how the let's-kick-some-ass school of diplomacy works if McEnroe does become cantain.

Still, if he does not, there are plenty of demonstrations of that philosophy in other areas of international life. McEnroe has never been anything less than enthralling on court I see no reason to suppose that his diplomatic career will be

Sampras said. It will be inter-

bank balance.
Since their legendary rivalry with Wigan in the early 1950s, the decline of Workington has been synonyfirst division sides. Widnes, mous with that of the game in the holders, will travel to Cumbria. But a good run in the trophy and second place in Bradford Northern or Warrington, who replay at Odsal a week tomorrow, while Hull should comfortably dispose of the third division has brought fresh life this season to Derwent Park, which came under a welcome siege from those wanting tickets a matter of minutes after the announce-

couragement from the fact that last year they upset Widnes and Wakefield Trinity in the Lancashire Cup and yesterday summoned a new Challenge Cun respectively. Peter Walsh, their Australian face into their drastically depleted ranks for the trip to coach, is already looking forward to the game. This place can catch fire. It's the perfect match. We'll have over 7,000

in the ground," he said. Wigan, five times winners of the competition, should have

Workington will take en-

ment of the draw.

Trophy, pulled out the plum

in the quarter-final draw yes-

terday. A home tie with Wigan will do wonders for a sorry

finals on December 20. The lowliest survivors in the Regal televised confrontation, the day before, between St Helens and Castleford is the pick of the games and will come just eight days after their important league meeting Friday. In two further ties between

> Leigh, the bottom-placed club. collapse in credibility by calling off the international against France on Sunday.

> The inclusion of Paul Reynolds, 24, the Rochdale Hornets centre, brings the numbers up to 18 after a spate of injuries and the suspension of Mark Jones, the Hull prop.

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL** 

# Aikman lifts Dallas to NFL play-offs

TROY Aikman fired three touchdown passes and Emmitt Smith scored on a three-yard run late in the game on Sunday, rallying the Dallas Cowboys to a 31-27 win over the Denver Broncos and a position in the National Football League play-offs (Robert Kirley writes). The Cowboys trailed 27-24

with nine minutes remaining when Aikman directed an 11play, 77-yard drive that ended with Smith's touchdown. Denver played without the injured John Elway.

Brian Washington, of the New York Jets, scored on a 23-yard interception return in the last two minutes to provide a 24-17 victory over the Buffalo Bills. Brad Baxter contribfor the first time in five years. The Bills, who have lost two in a row after five wins, fell one game behind Pittsburgh in the race for the best record in the American Football Conference and home-field advantage for the play-offs.

The San Diego Chargers, who started with four defeats, beat the Phoenix Cardinals 27-21 to go joint top in their division. Jay Schroeder com-pleted three touchdown passes and Elvis Patterson blocked a punt and recovered the ball for a score as the Los Angeles Raiders defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 28-7.

Jerry Rice set a record with his 10 lst touchdown catch in the San Francisco 49ers' 27-3

# American presence adds credibility to \$6 million cause

By Andrew Longmore

THE disquiet which accompanied the inaugural Grand Slam Cup in Munich two years ago has largely died down, but the absence of both Boris Becker and Jim Courier from this year's 16-man field suggests that the \$6 million knock-out event has yet to win full favour from the players.

Becker did not accept his place for personal reasons. variously interpreted as his wish to get married and his dislike of the excesssive prizemoney. Courier has cited the time of year, the location and the surface for his lack of enthusiasm. "I would play it if it was in America," he said.

The rest of the American have receded, though the dev-rankings in competition with in a very short time," Axel contingent — Andre Agassi, elopment by the ITF of a new the ATP? John McEnroe and Pete Sampras — were due to arrive in Munich last night fresh from their success in the Davis Cup final, adding credibility to an event which nearly provoked an all-out war between the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and the International Tennis Federation (ITF) when it was first

announced two-and-a-half years ago. Agassi, indeed, was on the verge of being suspended by the ITF for his late withdrawal in 1990. At the time, the ATP thought the Grand Slam Cup would detract from its own end-of-season finals in Frankfurt. Those political undertones

computer ranking system which includes the Grand Slam Cup and Davis Cup — the ATP's does not — and awards twice as many points for grand slam events as for the largest tournament on the tour, will doubtless be seen by the ATP as another move to win back overall control of the

professional game. In the short term, the new system will be used solely to calculate the ITFs world champion, a task normally undertaken by a three-man committee, but it has much wider long-term implications. How long will it be, for example, before the ITF issues its own weekly or monthly

Compaq Grand Slam Cup, for which the top 16 players in the year's grand slam tournaments qualify, has built up a momentum of its own. Attendances at the Olympiahalle were markedly higher last year, while television rights have been sold to more than 100 countries. Whether it has established a firm date on the calendar remains to be seen, with many players preferring to play it in October. But the real test will come when television and sponsorship contracts come up for renewal over the next two years.

"We have established the tournament in people's minds

In the meantime, the er, said yesterday. "If we moved it to another part of the year, we would have to start all over again."

The presence of Henri Leconte is designed to enliven the opening matches today. If he is fit and in form, the Frenchman is just the type to do some damage on the fast indoor surface, and the distant prospect of the \$2 million winner's prize will surely concentrate his mind. Even if he loses, he will be \$100,000 the richer by nightfall.

FIRST ROUND: Today: E Sánchez (Sp.) v R Kralicek (Hoff), H Leccnie (Fr) v W Ferreira (SA); G Forget (Fr) v G hemisevic (Cro); P Korda (Cz) v W Masur (Aus), Tomorrow: S Edberg (Swe) v M Sich (Ger), F Sempras (US) v A Volkov (Russ); J McEnroe (US) v N Kuth (Swe), M Chang (US) v A Agassi (US)



Leconte: danger man

RESR.T.S: Week 14: Delias Cowboys 31, Derker Broncos 27: LA Raides 28, Karsass City Chiefs 7; Weshington Recisions 28, NY Glants 10; San Diego Chargers 27, Phicenix Cardinals 21; San Francisco 49ers 27, Menni Dolphins 3; LA Rame 31, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 27; Cleveland Browns 37, Cinchredi Bengels 21; Green Bay Packers 38, Detrot Lions 10; Indianapolis Colis 8, New England Pathols 0; Philadelphia Eagles 28, Minnesota Vilángs 17; NY Jets 24, Buristo Bills 17; Pitsburgh Steelers 20, Saatie Sashawks 14.	" Dalla: Philade Wash F New Yo Phoenis Minnes Green I Chica I Tampa
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#### **ICE HOCKEY**

# **Tide turns for Dampier**

ALEX Dampier, who coaches Nottingham Panthers and Great Britain, has had a happier week. His British squad won twice in France and the Panthers ended their run of six defeats with a 7-6 home win over Durham Wasps (Norman de Mesquita

However, they also lost 13-6 to Cardiff Devils, their heaviest defeat against the Welsh side, which remains top of the premier division of the Heineken League. Whitley Warriors, with two weekend

Murrayfield Racers, have moved into second place.

EULEARSALE (c) A stort lines fabric, with the west threads thrown alternately up so as to form a rough surface, used for towelling and the like, perhaps connected with i.G kuktebak, to carry a child pick-a-back, ie goods carried on the back, pedlar's ware: "With face smarting from the vigorous application of mottled soap and buckaback."

CATHAMMED

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

# wins, over Fife Flyers and

Mike Blaisdell returned after missing three games with a back injury to score four goals as Durham Wasps beat Humberside Seahawks 5-3 to take over fifth place.

PIESULTS: Heineken League: Premier division: Bracknell 8, Murrayleicl 8, File 4, Whitley 7; Nottingham 7, Durham 6; Billingham 9, File 7; Carditt 13, Nothigham 6; Humberside 3, Durham 6, Norwich and Peterborough 5, Bracknell 2; Whitley 14, Murrayleid 10, First division: Basingstoke 12, Flornford 8; Milton Keynes 7, Swindon 5, Stough 6, Tellord 7: Lee Valley 7, Milton Keynes 14; Sheffield 10, Medwey 7; Swindon 7, Basingstoke 7.

WORD-WATCHING

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INSISTURE

(a) Obscure kapax legomenon in Shakespeare, taken variously as persistency, constancy, regularity, or perhaps station, steady continuance in their path; Troibs and Creside: "The Heavens themselves, the Planets, and this Center,/Observe degree, priority, and place,/Insisture, course, proportion, season, forme."

HAUBERE.

(c) A piece of defensive armour, originally intended for the defence of neck and shoulders, but by 12th century developed into a long coat of mail, or military tunic, usually or ring or chain mail, which adapted itself readily to the motions of the body, from the ON half neck +

(b) Equestrian jargon for having hams like those of a cat. "Lost, one white Nag, cut Tail'd, cathammed, fallen at the Crest with the Harness."

Black mated swiftly with 1 ... Re3+ 2 Kd1 (or 2 Kf1 Re1 mate)

# FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Postponed: Luton v Crystal Palace WOMEN'S FA CUP: Fourth round: Cowgete Kestrels 2, Wimbledon 3, Horsham 2, Epsorn and Ewell 3; Luton Town 0, Isswich Town 9; Brighton Orlent 0. ENGLISH 9CHOOLS BRITISH 9GS TROPHY: Chester 2, Wingen 2, Gettesheed 3, Kirldy Knowsky 4; Liverpool 4, Chortey 1; Poole 0, Colchester 2, South-East Esser 2, Coydon 0; South Notts 3, Carnock 3, WORLD CUP: CONCACAF group qualitying matches: Group 8: Bermude 0, Canada 0; El Salvado 2, Jerneica 1; Mexico 11, St. Vincent 0 (El Salvador, Canada, Mexoco and Hondures quality).

Carada 0: El Salvado 2, Jernaica 1; Mexico 11, St Vincent 0 (El Salvador, Carada, Mexico and Hondures quality).

Oversess league results:
ARGENTINE: San Lorenzo de Almagro 1, Ferro Carril Oscie 0; Lanus 3, River Piste 2: Boca Juniors 2, Deportivo Espenol 3; Independierre 2, San Martin (Tucamen) 1; Estudiantes de la Pista 0, Belgrano (Cordoba) 0; Rosario Cantral 1, Velez Sarsfield 3; Argentinos Juniors 2, Huracan 3; Talleres (Cordoba) 2, Newel's Old Boys 3; Talleres (Cordoba) 2, Newel's Old Boys 0; Deportivo Mandiyu (Corrientes) 1, Garnussia Esprima La Pista 1; Palasnes 0, Racing Cauto 0; Leading positions (after 17 matches): 1. Boca Juniors, 24pts, 2, Prever Piste, 22, 3, San Lorenzo, 21.

BELGIAN Anderbecht 4, Boom 1; Gherd 2, Standard Liège 1; PC Liege 3, Lolesten 2, Bevern 0, Rivilla 3; Gent 0, FC Enuges 0, Lleres 3, Elesten 0; Antwerp 4, Mechelen 1; Cardo Bruges 4, Lorennel 0; Waregern 1, Charlero 1; Leading poetitions (after 15 matches): 1, Anderbecht, 26pts, 2, Sandard Liège, 2; 2; 3, Waregern, 18.

BRAZILIAN: Siso Paulo chemploriship final: first leg: Palmeires 2, Sao Paulo 4 Rio da Juneiro chemploriship America (Rio de Janeiro) 1, Bengu 1; America (Tres Rios) 5, Goyusaca 2; Americano 0, Carmo Grande 0; Boladopo 3, Beperuna 0; Flamengo 1, Vasco da Garna, 4; Aguix, 2, Plamengo, 34; 3, Flumirense, 33.

Duttat: Messtricht 2, Tiburg 0; Den Bosch 0, Groning 2, Velendan 1, Deventer 0; Feyercord 2, Vilesse Arrhyra 2, Poet 14, 18, 2, Benfica, 13, 17.

SPANISH: Reyo Vellocano 2, Real Medicid 0; Savilla 1, Guirmanes 1, Escidi 1; Boscilla 1; Real Ovideo 1; Español 3, Real 1, Poet 1, Real Ovideo 1, Ferreira 0; Español 3, Real 1, Real Ovideo 1, Español 3, Real 2, Cadiz 0, Barcelona 4; Español 3, Real

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Western Australia: 212 and 337 for three (D Martyn 116 not out, G Marsh 101); Victoria 352 March drawn. Positions: 1, Queensland, 8pts; equal 2, South Australia and New South Wales 6; 4, South Australia and New South Wales 6; 4, Western Australia, 5 6; 5, Victoria, 4; 6, Tasmania, 2.

TAPPON SPRINGS. Florida: Classic mond tournament (US unless stated): 284: D Moctate and D Forsmen, 68, 63, 66, 69. 285: E Densel and D Forsmen, 68, 63, 66, 69. 285: E Densel and D Love III, 67, 66, 65, 71. 270: P Bradley and W Glasson, 67, 69, 70, 64; B Burton and W Mayter, 68, 67, 69, 70, D Messey and M McCumber, 67, 68, 70, 67, A Banz and J Huston, 67, 69, 65, 69, Other scores: 277: L Davies (GB) and M Hubert, 71, 70, 68, 68, 282: P Whight (GB) and B Byern, 70, 74, 68, 70. WORLD RANIGNES: 1, N Falcio (GB), 22-51pts; 2, F Couples (US), 16,98; 3, I Wodenam (GB), 13, 10, 4, B Langer (Ge), 12,94; 5, J M Otazábel (Sp), 12,97; 6, G Norman (May), 11,99; 7, J Cook (US), 11,98; 8, N Price (Zim), 11,51; 9, P Azinger (US), 11,10; 10, D Love B (US), 10,4, Cother; 12, S Ballesteros (Sp), 9,58; 20, C Montgomenie (GB), 7,43.

ICE SKATING US OPEN PROFESSIONAL CHAMPION-SHIPS: Figure-sleating: merc P Wyle. Women: J Trenzry.

BOWLS MANCHESTER UNITY LIBERTY TROPHY: Group 8: Worcestershire 104, Comwell 110. Group 8: Middlesen 103, Kent 105. Postponed: Group 4: Norlolk v Carr-bridgeshire. Group 6: Herefordshire v Dorset. RIFLE SHOOTING

PORT STANLEY: Falklands Rifle Ass

**REAL TENNIS** PORT STANLEY: Falldende Rifle Associ-ation certianary meeting: McCalturn Tro-phy (Queer's I): 1, A Tucker, 142-10; 2, L Orpen-Smelte, 141-10; 3, C Cheshre, 141-10, Team match (Durs): 1, NRAA, 912 (H Hunter 232, C Cheshre 230, Tucker 229, C McCachran 221); 2, NRAB, 908 (Orpen-Smelfe 231, K Chrand 230, R Atten 223, J Scoble 222); 3, Falldends A, 859 (T Petterson 219); 4, Falldends B, 821 (S Smith 228), Stanley Gup: 1, Hunter, 2, Orpen-Smelfe; 3, McEachran.

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Phoenix Suns 122, Milwaukee Bucks 112; Los Angeles Lakers 107, Minnesota Timberwolves 85 EASTERN CONFERENCE

Central division Pacific division

Pacific division

Portland Trail Bayers, 11 4 733

Seattle SuperSonors, 11 4 733

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Los Angeles Clapers, 9 6 600

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Golden State Wamors, 6 10 375 RALLY CROSS

BRANDS HATCH: Autoglass British grand pric 1, W Gollop (CB), MG Metro 6R4, 5min to 136c; 2, J Weich (CB), Vernhall Asta X-Trak, 502 9; 3, B Squibb (CB), Ford Escott X-Trak, 503.6; 4, C Euser (Hol), MG Metro 8R4, 508 6, 5, T Hopkins (CB), Ford RS200, 5:09.6; 6, D Carnege (Ire), MG Metro 6R4, 5:15.1.

LEAMINGTON: Camisin Trophy: Semi-finals: J Snow and P Muddyman bt C Wade and J Distey, 6-3; D Sutton and M Powel-firett bt J Grant and H Hall, 6-5; Finels Snow and Muddyman bt Sutton and Power-Brett, 2.2 8-2. PETWORTH: Petworth House amateur doubles championship: Semi-linels; N Pendigh and D Brazier bt P Paterson and D Reed, 6-0, 6-1; A Page and M Ferthams bt N Dariby and S Asvorth, 6-3, 6-3. Final: Pendigh and Brazier bt Page and Feirbams, 6-5, 6-5.

FOR THE RECORD NATIONAL LEAGUE (MHL): New Jerse Devis 7, Buttalo Sabres 3; Boston Bruins Philadelphia Flyers 7: New York Rangers 6 Toronto Magis Leats 0; Chicag WALES CONFERENCE

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New York Rangers... 13
Washington Capitals 13
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ATHLETICS

BARCELONA: Jean Bouin 10km road race: 1, A Sarano (Sp), 28ran 00eec; 2, J Bucker (GB), 2804; 3, J A Crespo (Sp), 28:16: LEEDS UNIVERSITY CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS (6 males): Men: 1, Birmingham, 85mm 37:96. Women: 1, Birmingham. LACROSSE

HYDE: English serifor trophy: Serif-finals: Yorkshire 3, Lancashire 6; Cheshire 14, South 3, Final: Cheshire 7, Lancs 4. VOLLEYBALL ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Men; Team Fife 1, Balahili Cardinels 3; West Coast 2, Su Ragazzi 3; Dunder 3; Glasgow Gregg 1. Women: Team Components Bureau 3, Pasaley 0; Jats 3, Grangeburn Coaches 0; Pendard NUVCC 1. Edinburgh University 3; Streamline Haziehead 0, Glasgow Powerhouse 3.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bencroft's 11, Campion 27; Bedford 13, St Paul's 0; Bethany 10, Dute of York's 0; Bethop's Station's Coll -7, Colchester RGS 11; Brighton 22, Portsmouth GS 12; Cambrid 25; Tearton CS, Teartham 16, State 13, Kert 12; Chellantian 15, Sherborne 17; Cristellurat and Sidop 20, St Benedict's, Esing 12; Christ's, Bracon 25, RGS Wordester 7; Clayersmore 0, Milton Abbey 13; Colle's 13, Bitham Col 7; Dutham 17, Mount St Mary's 3; Eastbourne 18, Carnelph 0; Esourne 2, Tohn's, Folkestone 23; Hearquire's Under 24; 17; Giggleswick 13, Barnard Castle 0; Halleybuy 25, St Edward's, Oxford 3, King's, Folkestone 12; Hearquire's Under 24; King's, Rochester 16, Schmarn 12; Kingwood 19, Wyofife 22; Liverpool 10, Bleemere 12; Magdiain Coll Sch, Oxford 30, St Bartholomen's 5; Merithodough 3, Wellstoghound, Reford 33; Maring 14, St Brendan's 25; Merchant Taylors', Crosby 43, Rydel 7; Monkton Combe 3, Wells Cathedral 16; Queen Bizabeth GS, Wallefield 7, Loughborough GS 12; Beignate GS 15; Engasuel 15; RGS Guiddord 10, Whight 13; RGS Lancaster 3, Stonylurat 8; St Peter's, York 5, Woodhouse Grove 12; Sedbergh 3, Wymberg (Cape Town) 6; St Roger Manwood's 14, John Fisher C Woodhough 6, King's, Taurton 15; King's, Caraterbuy 5, King's, Taurton 15; King's, Caraterbuy 5, Woodhouse Grove 12; Group; Greeler Birmingham 11, Shropethre 5.

**RUGBY UNION** 

DONCASTER: Coalite World Matchpley championahip: Quarter-final: M Clark (Eng) leads G Williamson (Eng), 5-3

LOS ANGELES: Seriors tournament: Men's singles: Final: S Mayer (US) bt B Borg (Swe), 6-4. 6-3. Doubles: Final: J Logd (GB) and B Teacher (US) bt P Fleming and R Luzz (US), 6-3, 6-1. and R Luc (US), 6-3, 6-1.

ATP PANIONGS: 1. J Courier (US), 3.595pts; 2, S Ediberg (Swe), 3.236; 3, P Samoras (US), 3.074; 4, G hranssavic (Cro), 2.718; 5, B Becker (Gen), 2.530; 6, M Chang (US), 2.277; 7, P Korda (C2), 2.174, 8, 1 Lend (US), 1.855; 9, A Agassi (US), 1.852; 10, R Krajicak (Hul), 1.818. Britain: 106, 10, R Krajicak (Hul), 1.818. Britain: 106, 1 Bailey, 123; 244, M Peticisy, 120

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B ORIDA: Interretinal kerics observed. FLORIDA: International junior champion-ships: Boys, 14 and under: M Lee (GB) bi J Froman (GB), 8-3, 6-4. VALIXI-ALL BROOGN TROPHY: Wormer's first round: Ediphaston Priory 1, Melton Mowbray 2: Watchom Afreton 3, Matchpoint Bremhall D: Purna Welwyn 2.
Connaught: Club 1; Welwyn Spin 3.
Harpenden D; Lakenharn Norwich 3, Lincoln Indoor 0; Long Road Cambridge 3, Boston 0; Clearviaw Brentwood 1, Riverside Chiswick 2; Walton Indoor 3, Middlesex University 0, 88C 0, Carton 3; Maidstone Filmass 1, Chris Lane Wolang 2; Surray Country Club 3, Pavillon and Avenue Hove 0; West Hants Bournemouth 3, Match Point Southsampton 0. SWIMMING

ORLANDO, Florida: United States open: Menc 50m treestyle: 1, R Mezzulis (Lth). 22 47sec. 100m breaststrote: 1, S Van Neerden (US): 3, J Parreck (CS), Imin 04.03sec. 200m backstrote: 1, T Bathnik (US), 2:04.68. 200m medley: 1, F Hvid (Sp), 2:06.08. 400m freestyle: 1, Y de Fabrique (US), 3:57.59. Women: 50m freestyle: 1, G Jensen (Donl, 28:38sec 100m breaststrote: 1, A Kampfe (US), 1711 13:51sec. 200m medley: 1, A Kampfe (US), 1711 13:51sec. 200m becastrote: 1, K Higel (US), 2:20.71. 200m becastrote: 1, C Poli (C Rica), 4:14.59. TABLE TENNIS

WOLVERHAMPTON: British Universities Sports Federation chempionstipe: Finals: Mens singles: 5 Ward (Cardill #15) bt K Dabbs (Loughborough University), 21-18, 21-3. Women's atingles: 5 Ward (Cardill #15) bt K Dabbs (Loughborough University), 21-17, 21-7 Men's doubles: R Chen and A Ractord (Manwack University) bt K Dabbs and R Grant (Loughborough University), 22-20, 17-21, 21-8. Women's doubles: A Ambross and D Philipp bt S Martin and F Humannan (Loughborough University), 21-8, 22-20. Mixed doubles: A Ractord and B Gandras (Wannick University) bt N Martin and D Philips (Southampson University), 21-17, 21-15.

MOTOR RALLYING

OULTON PARK: Alsocure Stages: 1, D Martin (Ford Escort), 39min 2760c; 2, C Rigby (Ford Fiesto), 39min 402ec; 3, A Yosal (Ford Escort), 40min 178ec SURRIEY: Cadmor rally, 1, M Bas (Ford Starra), 25min, 2, T Holmes (Peugeet 309), 1F, 18min; 3, G Taytor (Toyoto Celca), 4F 31min.

IF. 18min: 3. G Taylor (Toyoto Calca), 4: 31min.
ISLE of MAN: Marer Winter Rally: 1, P
Goyfor (Ford Escot), 12min 48aec; 2, G
Lesco (Opel Marte), 18min 08aec; 3, P
Jones (WV Got), 18min 42aec.
LINCOLNSHIRE: KwilcFE Winderwen
Stages: 1, K Bard (MG Metro) 6F4, 72min
20aec; 2, S Husson (Peugeot 205), 82min
20aec; 3, P Brown (Peugeot 205), 82min
32aec.
HUMBERSIDE: Beswer Rally: 1, A
Emartington (Vaudrall Nova), 2min; 2, A
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MIET R'SEN 101

# Celtic Chief to open account

CELTIC Chief, placed in two Champion Hurdles, can gain a belated first success over fences in the Newark Storage Novices' Chase at Market Rasen today.

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Sent out by Mercy Rimell to linish third to Celtic Shot in the 1988 Champion and runner-up to Beech Road 12 months later. Celtic Chief was expected to take high rank when switched to the larger obstacies.

However, he was a major disappointment in his two races over fences for John McConnochie two seasons ago and has not run since being pulled up at Kempton in January, 1991.

Now trained by Martin Pipe, who showed that his

MANDARIN

12.10 Station Express

1.40 Rochestown Lass.

& (£1,468: 2m 1! 110yd) (11 runners)

2.40 Clonony Castle.

1.10 CHICHELL'S HURST (nap).

12.40 Celtic Chief.

2.10 No Grandad

MANDARIN

Wellington team is rapidly approaching peak form with Saturday's Rehearsal Chase clean sweep and double yesterday, Celtic Chief is likely to produce a much-improved jumping display for his new handler and should hold too many guns for last week's

Catterick winner. Phils Pride. Pipe saddles Riverside Boy in the Lincolnshire National, the day's most valuable race, but the top weight faces a stiff task conceding 24lb to the inform No Grandad.

John Upson's eight-year-old has been slightly fortuitous in gaining her two victories this season at Uttoxeter and Hum-

MARKET BASENES

RICHARD EVANS: 1.40 Rochestown Lass. 2.10 NO GRANDAD (nap)

12.10 CAMEO SHOES NOVICES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT, HEAVY PATCHES IN STRAIGHT)

THUNDERER

12.10 Drinks Party.

12.40 Phils Pride.

1.40 Rochestown Lass.

2.10 Bit Of A Clown.

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2.40 Lypheoric. 3.10 Vienna Woods tingdon but remains on a handy mark and acts well in

Chickell's Hurst is a sporting nap to recapture winning ways in the Consort Travel Handicap Hurdle. A good novice two seasons ago, Chichell's Hurst won competitive novice events at Leicester and Wetherby, finishing the season running off a mark of

110 in a Newbury handicap. Pam Sly's mare was far from disgraced when, still backward in condition, she finished third behind the inform pair, Bollin William and Sillars Stalker, at Haydock last month. Sure to strip much fitter today, Chichell's Hurst has excellent claims off her current mark of 90.

(£2,302: 3m) (13 runners)

BRACKEMPIELD completed double, best Beanz Meanz 121 in 6-numer Marinel Resen (3m. good) novice hardis. ROCHESTOWN LASS completed double, best Preteigh Builds. 41 in 10-numer Townesser (3m. soft) handkeigh hardis. COOL CLOWN 52 2nd of 17 to Meaning Lamp in Townesser (2m. soft) novice bardis. HONEST FRED 51 2nd of 19 to Marinel Kuisso (2m. soft) Restorate Hayl First and novice bardis. HONEST FRED 51 2nd of 19 to Marinel Andrew Cool (3m. soft) Restorate Hayl First race in April, MAY-DAY-BABY 17941 4th of 14 to Burgundy Boy in Townesser (2m.

(£5,735; 4m 1f) (12 runners)

RIVERSIDE BOY best Buildington 101 in 8-tunner Chepsine (3m, solf) novice chase. BORGEEN OWEN best Building in 7-runner Solgefield (3m 3f, good) analyses ridges; chase on pensistensis start. BIT OF A CLOWN best Penjade 3 in 6-runner Tourcaster (2m 6f, solf) handicag chase. DUBIOUS JAKE short-head 2nd of 8 to Westerlight in Heaten (2m 6f 11 byd, solf) fracticag chase. NO GRANI-DAD best Over And Above 21 in 7-runner Handing-

(£2,945: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

2.10 LINCOLNSHIRE NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE

2.0, 10.3. 40.11 (1.2. 10111623)
2.1. 112/216 RIMERSIDE BOY 223 (E.S.) (Mass H Bisgrove) M Pipa 9-11-10.
2. P2-611F BORGERI OWEN 8 (E.S.) (D Harrison) J J O'Neil 8-10-8.
3. 2142-81 BIT OF A CLOWN 26 (F.G.S.) (L Summer) May 1 Wood house 9-10-3.
4. 124-P2F DUBIOUS JAVE 8 (F.S.) (M Outhern) R Wood house 9-10-2.
5. 48-2131 MO SRAMOND 14 (S) (Alex A Key) J Upon 8-10-0.
6. 1255P-5. THE FURTIES 14 (F.G.) (A Marrit Holdings Ltd). T Bill 7-10-0.
7. 41212-0. EBONY SWELJ. 12 (C.R.S.) (S Campton) S Campton 11-10-0.
9. PPP-080 WHY 50 HASTY 12 (F.S.) (W Fester) M Chapters 11-10-0.
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1.40 ROSELAND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

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3.10 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

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POLE STONE (A Palent) J Schemb 5-11-7
BUCKSHOT (B Woother) G Eden 4-11-5
4 DHARAMSHALA 17 (May 1 Hamedom) O Breasen 4-11-5
POLAR HAT (D Janies) M Pipe 4-11-5
STAN CARTER (J Deat) C Strish 4-11-5
06-BETTY ELSTON 201 (J Thomps J Thomps 4-11-0

1 VIENNA WOODS 15 (S) (J FitzSenid) Jirany Fitzperidi 5-12-0 KALA BRAVE (Mrs. J Robstew) M Pipe 5-11-7 Q/ NO REPLY 754 (V Ogder) Mrs H Bull 6-11-7

(£1,276: 2m 1f 110yd) (9 runners)

BETTING: 3-1 Bit Ol A Closes, 7-2 Riverside Boy, 5-1 Borean Owen, 6-1 Regal Estate, 8-1 No Dublous Jales, Ebony Swell, 14-1 The Feddes, 16-1 Boread Bay, 20-1 And Tilvatch, 25-1 others. 1991: BARKIN 8-10-0 M Mobbey (6-1) 6 Richards 9 cm

If Sedgefield survives an inspection, Mary Reveley, surprisingly without a winner for 12 days, can get back on course by landing a double in the two handicap chases with Watertight (1.45) and Terribie Gel (2.45).

Plumpton also faces an early morning check and, if racing goes ahead, Miss Fern, can foil Stirrup Cup's treble bid in the Keymer Handicap Chase.

#### Worcester off

Tomorrow's meeting at Worcester has been abandoned because the course is waterlogged. There are early morning inspections at two of today's meetings -- Plumpton (7am) and Sedgefield (8am).

5. good in soft) meiden bandle in March. RAG-TRAE COWBOY JOE 23 Sin of 11 to Pollerton's Pride in Strafford (2m iš 110yd, good to soft) porter hardle with HAZE. MALL 59 and SILVER SHBLLING 10th. SAY LITTLE 121 3rd of 14 to Minter Jackson in Headran (2m 41 110yd, soft) novice burdle. THIS NETTLE DANGER 13 4th of 14 to High Alkihude in Carliste (2m 41 110yd, good in soft meiden burdle.

don (3m. good to soll) handicap classe with THE FORTIES 251 Sth.
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# Coolmore link to Lyric Fantasy sale

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD Hannon will learn today if he is to continue to train Lyric Fantasy, one of the fastest two-year-olds since

the war. The "pocket rocket" was sold at last week's Newmarket sales for 340,000 guineas, supposedly to a consortium of Kuwaiti businessmen.

However, it emerged yester-day that the Irish-based Coolmore Stud, involving John Magnier, Robert Sangster and Vincent O'Brien,

were involved in the purchase and could have a vital say in where the filly goes next season.

Hannon guided Lyric Fantasy through a summer of outstanding success, the highlights of which were victories in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot, where she be-came the first two-year-old to break the 60-second barrier. and the Nunthorpe Stakes at

"I would love to keep her next season. She is the sweetest, nicest filly I have ever trained in my life," Hannon said after receiving his Horserace Writer's Association award in London yester-

Although he recognises the possibility that the precocious two-year-old may not train on, immense.

York, where she outpaced her Hannon has previous experience of losing a top two-yearglory. He trained Enstone Spark as a two-year-old but the 3.400 guineas purchase was subsequently sold privately and went on to win the 1,000 Guineas for Barry Hills.

"I sat in my armchair and watched her win the classic. which was pretty uncomfortable," Hannon recalled. "I wouldn't want to go through that again."

Whatever the outcome, the champion trainer has high hopes for Lyric Fantasy's halfbrother, bought by him at the Newmarket sales for 33,000 guineas. The Al Hareb colt could be anything", accord-

ing to Hannon.
"He would definitely get a trip and does all the right things. I think he is a very nice horse and, like Lyric Fantasy, he is the most beautiful mover. I cannot believe I got him for 33,000 guineas."

If Hannon retains Lyric Fantasy, she is likely to run in a 1.000 Guineas trial and. should she show insufficient stamina, would be returned to sprinting.

AWARD WINNERS: Owner: Bit Gredley Flet treiner: Richard Hannon. Flet Jockey: Michael Roberts. National Hunt trainer: Many Reveley. National Hunt Jockey: Peter Niven Journalist: Jim (J. A) McGrath. Stable staff: Bit Palmer, John East. Intercentingal treiner: Paul Cole. Services to

☐ Racing in Hong Kong will resume on December 23 following an outbreak of equine

# Writers' choice: award winners at the Horserace Writers' Association lunch in London yesterday included, from left, Peter Niven (NH jockey). Mary Reveley (NH trainer). Bill Gredley (owner) and Richard Hannon (Flat trainer)

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	ā	4P-2103	MRS JAWLEYFORD 13 (D.S) (C Smith) C Smith 4-11-8 M Ranger	93
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	4	1010/08	CHECHELL'S HURST 20 (S) (Mrs P Sty) Mrs P Sty 6-11-7	90
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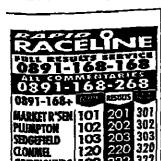
# Scudamore lands treble

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PETER Scudamore reached his half-century for the season and reduced Richard Dun-woody's lead to 14 with a treble at Warwick yesterday. Martin Pipe provided the champion jockey's first two winners in Elite Reg and Catch The Cross, with Dakyns Boy, trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies, completing Scuda-more's 145-1 three-timer.

Elite Reg has improved rapidly since joining Pipe and followed up his recent Aintree success when making all in the Hampton Novices' Hurdle. He may run again in a handicap at Doncaster on Friday. Catch The Cross completed a 38-1 double for Pipe by

delying top weight in the Stonekeigh Handicap Chase. Making his seasonal debut. the six-year-old gave 3lb and a four-length beating to the favourite Norman Conqueror.



#### MANDARIN 12.45 Le Pelley's Isle. 1.15 Furry Baby. 1.45 Watertight. 2.15 Rose Tableau. 2.45 Temble Gel. 3.15 Glemot. THUNDERER

12.45 Ardglass Boy. 1.15 Furry Baby. 1.45 Major Kinsman. 2.15 Rose Tableau, 2.45 VAYRUA (nap). 3.15 Cheeky Pot. GOING: SOFT (BAM INSPECTION)

12.45 BLACK LION NOVICES SELLING HURDLE E1,305: 2m Si 110yd) (12 runners)

1 D050 ALMARRESO; 7 P Monteth 7:11-8

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D01LY PROC (£1,305: 2m 5f 110yd) (12 runners)

9-4 Dolly Prices, 3-1 Le Petitey's Isle, 9-2 South Stack, 5-1 Articless Boy, 7-1 Armamedit, 14-1 Bioshing Gold, 20-1 others. 1.15 DICKIE DODS MEMORIAL HANDICAP

HURDLE (£1,844: 3m 3f 110yd) (13) 2-1 Furry Buby, 4-1 Inscription, 9-2 States Case, 6-1 Misser Menory, 9-1 Taylormain Boy, 12-1 Upwell, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS  1.45 HOPE INN HANDICAP CHASE

BETTONE: 6-4 Vigoria Woods, 2-1 Polar Hol. 5-1 Kala Braine, 7-1 Discomplishs, 10-1 Poulisions, 16-1 No Reph 20-1 Bookshot, 25-1 Sian Carter, 33-1 Bully Beton.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

VESHNA WOODS best Royal Cupid 141 in 11-runner
Caterick (Zm. good to soft) National Hunt Flat sea.
DFARANSHALA 3941 485 of 12 to Woody's Wooder
I National Hunt Flat seach here (Im 51 110yd, soft).
Selection: VESNNA WOODS

1 2312 BAD TRADE 8 (BF.S.S) P Cheesbrough 10-12-0. A Lamach (7)
2 1-54 (MRS-PLANES) 12 (C.S.S) 6 Moore 9-11-12. J Cathophan
3 -53 MIGHT GUEST 8 (F.S.S) P Moote in 10-11-4. A Dobbin 5
4 1327 TRES AMBOS 15 (C.F.S.) Judenson 5-11-0... P Medillams
5 1-11 WATERTIERT 13 (DD.F.S.S) Mis 6 Revisity 7-10-7. P Neven
6 PP04 MAJOR KINSSAM 11 (S) R Is 87-10-5. D Tegs
7 14-05 ABBENOR 18 (6,S) Mis M Kentell 10-10-6... Mis M Kandell 7-4 Watertight, 5-2 Tres Analgos, 9-2 Major Kinsman, 5-1 Bad Trade, 11-2 MgM. Guest, 16-1 Ungs-Pished, 25-1 Abbasotr.

2.15 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES

CHASE (£2,444: 2m 5f) (8)
1 0-4P CANTGETOUT 56 Mrs S Smith 5-10-10 A Jones 2 2990 DESTANT CHERRY 7 D Use 7-10-10 B Story 3 5523 DOZZY DEALER 6 Mrs J Jorden 5-10-10 S Teylor (7 4 UPP- FEELING ROSEY 222 (2.3) D Todd 10-10-10 N Jones
5 2402 RESAN 18 J. Johnson 5-10-10 A Oxford 6 2120 ROSE TABLEAU TO (T.S.) J. O'Nobil 9-10-10 A Dobbia 5 7 50:34 SHOWA AMEE 12 R Bodio 8-10-10 A Lembel (S 8 535/2 TRAIDMATIC LAURA 52 Mas S Taylox 7-10-10 G Harles
6-4 Rose Tableau, 2-1 Regan, 9-2 Shiona Asoc, 6-1 Tagenalic Laura, 16-1 Diaz) Dealer, 25-1 edites.

2.45 HARDWICK ARMS HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,919: 2m 1f) (7)

9-4 Terrible Gel, 11-4 Persian House, 4-1 Verrue, 9-2 Ambers, 12-1 Authory Bell. 20-1 Inventiel, 33-1 Gipsy Remibler

3.15 MAGS HEAD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,537: 2m 1f 110yd) (11) 2 2445 BEALICADEAU 27 (f) M Burnes 5-11-13 B Storey
3 500F KNACKAR & W WEBBERS 5-16-0 L (f Third
4 09-0 BESHOP'S TEPPLE 232 T Car 5-10-4 N South
5 6031 BLENGT 8 (S) J Johnson 4-10-0 (Fee) A Orising
6 SL03 SYN-MERAJ 8 F Chestrough 4-18-0 C Brant
7 -205 CHESKY POT 25 (f) Debys Smith 4-10-0 P Wangoth (f)
8 0-5P PASSENG THOUGHT 13 T Tate 5-10-0 W Fry (f)
9 000P- SLNY 2ETA 304 R Gold's 8-10-0 Mr R Hale (f)
10 4PCS DOUBLE DOSS 8 J Syn 7-10-0 G Tommey (7)
11 05P-5 MAGIC BLOOM 18 A Syleger 6-10-0 R Gently 11-4 Giannol, 3-1 Bosucadesu, 7-2 Mr. Robert, 4-1 Cheeky Pol, 13-2 Statuming, 16-1 Bishop's Tipple, 25-1 others.

THUNDERER MANDARIN 12.30 Fly For Gold. 12.30 Just.

PEUMPTON

CLONONY CASTLE 12: 2nd of 6 to James My Boy in Bangor (2m 4) 110yd, soft) novice handicap chase. BOWL OF DATS 161 3nd of 9 to Fort Neel in Chescher (2m 3) 110yd, good to soft) novice chase. BOWL OF DATS 161 3nd of 9 to Fort Neel in Chescher (2m 3) 110yd, good to soft) novice chase. FRAMPTON HOUSE 12141 56 of 7 to The Stater in Warnetck (2m, soft) novice chase. GOOD SEDUL. 1.00 Alkinor Rex. 1.30 Angels Kiss. 2.00 Man Of The West. 2.30 Here He Cornes. 3.00 Miss Fem. 3.30 Greenwich Barnbi.

1.00 Alkinor Rex. 1.30 Predestine 2.00 Man Of The West. 3.00 Stirrup Cup. 3.30 Simwell. RICHARD EVANS: 3.00 Master Oats.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 ALKINOR REX.

GOING: HEAVY (7AM INSPECTION) 12.30 EASTBOURNE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,385; 2m 1f) (7 rumers) 

Long handices: Gunnershury Roam 9-13, Fairfield's Greece 9-13.
BETTING: 5-4 Just. 3-1 Ply For Gold, 7-1 Sandro, 8-1 Julies Jack, 12-1 Thuhool, 14-1 Guanershury Roam, 33-1 Fairfield's Rosem. 1991: MEETING ABANDONED -- FROST

1.00 GALLEANO CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,163: 2m) (7 runners)

BETTINE: 4.5 Alunor Rec, 4.1 Famous Lat. 6-1 Dr Rochet, 10-1 New Kall, 12-1 Chiesso Fonts, 16-1 Young Affe. 20-1 Cellic Chumes.

1.30 HENFIELD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,550: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

HURDLE (£1,550: 2m 17) (10 runners)

1 133231 MANHATTAN BOY 13 (£0,56,5) (Mrs D Humbert) J Fluct-Heyes 10-11-10. J Clarks 98
1 72361 MANHATTAN BOY 13 (£0,56) (Laresson) M Pipo 7-11-8 D Richmond 89
3 6530P2 CHARPAGNE RUN 13 (\*0,0,56) (T Councy) W G M Temer 7-11-3 R D and 98
4 523322/ NATHER 806 (A Taste) P Butter 6-10-13 D Meredith 5 30,62 RBOVNO 36 (£0,0,56) (P Jones) P Jones 9-10-10 D Levily 90
6 2011-40 PREDESTINE 22 (6) (0 Regist) M Magned A 7-10-6 B CRITICAL 99
7 3-1P562 ULLSWATER 15 (0,55) (Mrs F Regist) A Revid 6-10-4 D Revision 90
8 D1550-3 ROYALEVISIAN 15 (0 Wilson) D Wilson 7-10-2 D Britograviar 90
9 2-PP025 RESTINES (CHRISTINE 19 (0) (0 Incharded) R Judies 5-10-2 L Spaire 97
10 /PPPP-P ROUGH CUT 15 (6) (E Bettes) R Judies 7-10-0 N Judies (5) BETTIME: 3-1 Migritotical 80y, 7-2 Angels Kiss, 9-2 Predistine, 6-1 Villageter, 8-1 Champagna Rus, Ribovita, 10-1 Koralinekia, 12-1 others.

her stud value remains As the new owners of Lyric Fantasy consider alternative trainers, Tommy Stack and Peter Chapple-Hyam are thought to be high on the list.

seniors.

# Tipping Tim 9-2 for big double

By George Rae

TIPPING Tim is 9-2 favourite a mark he shares with the with Corals to add the A F Irish challenger, Second Budge Gold Cup at Chelten-Schedual. Just ahead of them, at 5-1, is ham on Saturday to his victory there in the Mackeson Gold the John Mackie-trained Cup, a double last completed Sacre D'Or, who comes to

Cheltenham in good form four years ago by Pegwell Bay. The seven-year-old, trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies. after clear-cut wins at Bangor and Leicester. landed a gamble from 12-1 to 11-2 in the Mackeson, beating Another Coral by seven lengths. Now 8lb better off. Another Coral is once more in opposition, one of a maximum ten rivals for Tipping Tim.

David Nicholson's charge is quoted at 11-2 third favourite,

als offer The Illywhacker at

Ladbrokes have Tipping Tim and Another Coral disputing favouritism at 5-1, with Second Schedual and Sacre D'Or at 6-1 along with Jenny Pitman's The Illwhacker. Cor-

Among the remainder,

Beech Road, an early faller in the H & T Walker Chase won by Deep Sensation at Ascot last month, is a best priced 9-1 (Ladbrokes and Corals) with Milford Ouay, a casualty in the Mackeson but successful at Chepstow on Saturday, available at 10-1 (Corals and Hills). On the same programme, the Arlington Bula Hurdle

promises an intriguing and informative contest. The eight acceptors are: Boro Smackeroo, Granville Again, Halkopous, Kribensis, Morley Street, Oh So Risky, Royal Derbi and Staunch Friend.

hernes last month. 2.00 SCOTTS RESTAURANT NOVICES CHASE (£2,046: 2m) (8 runners)

1 6-51825 KMD 25 (B.Q.S) (B. Bassell) S. Sherwood 5-11-8... 2 (2.2,045. 2nl) (o full lifets)
1 6-51825 KMD 25 (B.Q.S) (B. Bassell) S. Sherwood 5-11-8... 3 (2.2,045. 2nl) (o full lifets)
2 (GP2-322 DONT TELL THE WHE 15 (H. & X. Commissions) Mrs. D. Haine 6-11-4... A Magnire 88
3 50228-6 EXPOUND 13 (R.G.) (E Bettles) R. Judez 7-11-4... WHumphrays —
4 55127-2 FARR PROSPECT 27 (F.S) (Devint Tube Racing) P. Holbts 6-11-4... Peter Holbts 95
5 120P/2 MAN OF THE WEST 15 (B.S) (Jules D Todd) N. Battey 9-11-4... Peter Holbts 95
6 QP-050P SEMANE 6 (G Minitard) F Marphy 7-11-4... 6 Miniphy (7) —
7 \$70000-5 SPREY 22 (S Powell) J. Jenifers 6-11-4... B. Miniphy (7) —
8 004/06 ZABAZIS 13 (G.S) (M Johnston) A Minore 9-11-4... S. Minore —
BETTING: 5-4 Map (1) The West, 7-2 Fair Prospect, 9-2 Doni Tell The Wife, 7-1 Kino, 12-1 Spiley, 16-1 other:

2.30 BAKER LORENZ WINTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,217: 2m 1f) (5 runners)

Long handicap: Djehel Prince 9-9, Baracota 8-8. BETTMR: 5-4 Prosequendo, 9-4 Here He Comes, 9-2 Olebel Prince, 7-1 The Marter Gutter, 25-1 Strattors.

3.00 KEYMER HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,305: 3m 1f 110yd) (9 runners)

BETTHIG: 6-4 Strong Cop. 4-1 Miss Fern, 5-1 Master Cats, 7-1 Facilife! Star, 8-1 Foodbroker Plyer, 12-1 Secret Ribe, 14-1 Muzz Tidy, 16-1 Others.

3.30 DITCHLING MOVICES HURDLE (£1,302: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1 451P35 AMPHRORY 24 (7) (E Wey) P Rodiord 4-11-6 Thompson (7) 80
2 212SP-1 AMPREWS MINSTREL 36 (C.S) (Andrews Projekt Services) J Jenkins 5-11-6 R Demondy 82
3 00 JOVEN TOP 26 (M Berbor) Mis 1 Medic 4-11-0 C Maude — C Maude —
4 2P (EPITON 40 (A Crebbin) R Abshutz 4-11-0 H Davies 85
5 05 POLISH REPER 14 (A Bendreil-Brotte) Mis D Heine 4-11-0 J O'Stome 78
6 000000 SAKIL 208 (Mrs. M Devine) S Dow 4-11-0 A Diction (5) —
7 0 SAWELL 10 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 4-11-0 A A Diction (5) —
8 0350-43 GREEDINGE BANKE 18 (J Humphyres) Liby W Carter 4-10-9 Mrs Mrs. Perrett 89
9 0-60 PRSM LIL 25 (Mrs. J Smith) M Smith 5-10-9 Mrs. J Poston —
10 P ROBERT'S REJECT 17 (J Poyder) Mrs. M Long 5-10-9 Mrs. J Poston —
11 3554-43 WOODSLITY GRIL 17 (Mrs. M Minsagham) Mrs. A King 5-10-9 Mrs. A Liby 60
SETTIMES 5-9 Greenwich Bambl. 7-2 Andrews MacRett. 4-1 Kenton, 7-1 Streed, 8-1 Poigs, Ridg, 12-1 BETTRE: 5-2 Greenwich Bambl, 7-2 Andrews Masshel, 4-1 Kenton, 7-1 Simmell, 8-1 Polish Rider, 12-1 Woodbury Girl, 14-1 Angoligory, 16-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS								
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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Warwick

Going: soft (heavy patches) Going: soil meany patches)
12:30 (2m hdle) 1, Quelliar Memory (J. McCarthy, 16-1): 2, Reel Ol Tutoch (9-4): 3, Elegant Touch (7-4 tau) 9 van. 20, 41, J. Akehurst. Tote: £22.30; £4.30. £1.50; £1.30. DF: £22.40. CSF: £51.27. ET 30. DF: £22.40. CSF: £51.27.
1.00 (2m hdle) 1. Eiter Reg (P Scudamore, 5-1); 2. Landed Gentry (S-1); 3. Texas Scramble (15-2) Only A Riose 5-4 fax. 14 ran. 10. 10. M Pce. Tole: £5.80; £1.80, £1.80. £2.00. DF: £15.00. CSF: £20.96.
1.30 (2m 41 110/d ct) 1. Cathor The Cross (P Scugamore, 11-2); 2. Norman Conqueror (11-10 lav); 3. Diamond Fort (10-1), 8 ran, NR: Bormo. 44, Sl. M Pipe Tote 55.20; £1.70, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £5.90. CSF: £11.84 Tricast: £53.45.

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd hole) 1. Fairfields Cone () Meredin, 8-1); 2. Jakandi (9-2); 3, Reve

En Rose (9-1). Road To Riches 4-1 fav. 13 ran. Nr. 15. R Dickin. Tote: £11.10. £2.70, £2.00, £3.30. DF: £20.50. CSF: £41.43. Tricast: £305.95.
2.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdie) 1, Ima Delight (A Carroli. 3-1): 2, Cheryls Pst. 530-1): 3, Caroline Rice (12-1), Anna Valley 5-2 fav. 17 ran. 3dl, 151. Mirs P Sly. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £1.30, £3.70. DF: £74.50. CSF: £144.28 3.00 (2m 2l ch) 1. Deligyrs Boy (P Scudemors, 11-4), 2, Saddler's Chooce (8-1); 3. Cool And Easy (4-1). Musthawasway 5-2 fav. 14 ran. Nri Sheer Ability, 6l, sh hd N Tweston Devices. Tote: £3.60, £1.80, £1.90, £1.90, £2.70. DF: £15.00. CSF. £25.43 3.30 (2m Indie) 1, Seelgod' (W Hamphriys, 14-11); 2, Cappuccion Gid (5-1); 3. Précetsione (10-1). Smiles Ahead 85-40 fav. 15 ran. 7, 15 C Jackson. Tote: £24.40; £5.30, £1.70, £2.80. DF: £31.00. CSF. £82.91. 7/rosst. £963.57. Placepot: £42.20.

Edinburgh

Going: good 12.15 (2m hdie) 1. Faritastical (A Dobbin, 8-1); 2. Back Betora Dawn (10-1); 3. Shannon King (5-1). Tarlar Tradewirds 4-1)-fav. 15 ran. 39:1, 21. J J O'Neill. Tote. 16 80. £4.30, £2.50, £3.00. DF. £169 60. CSF: £84.93.

12-45 (2m ch) 1, Master Salesman (B Storey, 15-8 fav); 2. Palm House (2-1); 3. Ringmore (5-1), 8 ran 10t, 4t, B Rottwiet, Tote: \$2.70, \$1.40, \$2.80, \$5, \$2.50 CSF \$5.40.

CSF: 230.13, Incast. 1.106 / 0. 2.45 (2m 4 hole) 1, Revs Boy (G Harker, B-1); 2 Leading Prospect (9-2 bay); 3, Engine (7-1) 14 ran. ¼1, 321, W Barker Tole: £7 80; £1 50, £1,80, £3,40, Di-\$51 80, CSF: £40 47, Theast: £242.89 L250 USF E5.40.

1.15 (2m 4i ch) I. tylul (C Grant, 20-1); 2.
Whiring Cone (7-2), 3, Rain Man (6-1).
Ryton Guard 5-4 tav. 12 ran. NR. Count Surveyor. 2/51, 15. B Whitnson Tote: 20.00; 29 70, 51.90, 51.70. DF 573.40
CSF: 297 43. 3.15 (2m 4f hole) 1. Able Player (J. Burke, 6-1); 2. Vallent Desh (3-1); 3. The Green Fool (33-1). Ninsofts 8-15 fav. 5 ran. 3/s.l. 151. Mrs. 5. Bramaii. Tote. £3.80; £1.60, £1.30 DF: £10.20. CSF. £21.97
Placepot: £234.50.

1.45 (2m hdie) 1, Bold Boss (N Bentley, 6-5 fav); 2, Brambleberry (6-4); 3, Straw Thetich (11-2), 11 ran, 3½, 1 ½, G Moore, Tote: \$2.50, \$1.50, \$1.10, \$1.50, DF; \$2.30, CSF, £3.63

2.16 (3m ch) 1, Treporate Law (T Read, 10-1); 2, My Sloway (9-2); 3, Ronerz Birtholoy (100-30 fav) 9 ran, 31, 314 W Read, Tote: 59.40; £200, £200, £700 DF: £38.70. CSF: £50.73, Tricast, £166.70

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# Mansell limps home to receive international award



Parade of champions: despite walking on crutches and grimac-

Awards in London on Sunday (Stephen Slater writes). The Formula One world champion, who has had an operation to remove a damaged bone from his left foot. flew in from his Florida home to receive his award, nominated by Winning the World Champ-

atmosphere I'll never forget." Mansell said Mansell's Williams-Renault car

ionship was a big moment for me, but nothing will beat my win at year. Derek Warwick was voted

Pictured from left, Jackie Stewart (three times Formula One world champion), Martin Hipes (Super kart world champion),

portscar champion). Derek Bell (twice world sportscar champion), Nigel Mansell (Formula One world champion), Dario Fran-chitti (McLaren/Autosport young driver of the year), Derek War-

wick (world sportscar champion) John Surtees (seven times world motorcyle champion and former world Formula One champion and James Hunt (former world Formula One champion).

# Cambridge face difficult task to reverse trend in University match

# **Scotland** select **Sharp for** A team

By Alan Lorimer

THE Scotland selectors have named Alan Sharp, the former England B prop, in the A side to face Italy at Melrose on December 19. Sharp, a former Anglo-

Scots under-21 player, returned to the fold as a member of the Scottish Exiles team this season. He has been named as loose-head prop, the position made vacant by the retirement from international rugby of David Sole. Sharp is one of five un-

capped players in what Duncan Paterson, the team manager, admitted was a fullstrength team. Paterson, however, confirmed that the A team to face Ireland A in Dublin on December 28 would be a reserve side.

WOULD DC 2 TESETVE SIDE.

SCOTLAND A: G Hastings (Watsonians, captan). D Stark. (Boroughmuir). G Townsend (Gala). S Hastings (Watsonians). M Appleson (London Scottish). C Chairmers (Metrose). G Armstrong Jed-Forest): A Sharp (Bristol). K Milne (Henot's FP). P Burnell (London Scottish). G Hogg (Metrose). D Cronin (London Scottish). G Wetr (Metrose). I Smith (Gloucester). S Reid (Boroughmur). Replacements: K Logan (Surfing Courty). G Shiel (Metrose). A Nicol (Dunder High School FP). I Morrison (London Scottish). P Wright (Boroughmur). I Corooran (Gala)

☐ Tony Underwood replaces the injured Nigel Heslop on the wing for the North against the Midlands in the second round of ADT divisional championship matches at Waterloo on Saturday. Richard Angell comes into the Midland team at stand-off half in place of John Steele.

# Nasser's experience gives Oxford pack trump card

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

STUDENTS of statistics would not need to look too hard to spot the pattern of results for the University match in the past six years. The ascendancy has swung back and forth with metronomic regularity and, on that basis, it is Oxford's turn to win at Twickenham today, in the 111th encounter, and relieve Cambridge of the Bowring Bowl. It is an assumption

loaded with peril. History can not be used as a guide to this fixture; indeed, even form during term time often counts for little, as so many well-favoured teams have found to their cost.

This year there seems even less between them than usual but the positive qualities shown by Oxford against Major RV Stanley's XV offer grounds for optimism. There was strength and speed among forwards and backs, which is allied to the forthright skills of the flankers, Brendan Nasser and Chad Lion-Cachet, in the loose.

Nasser, from Brisbane, is the only international on view. his eight caps for Australia having come between 1989 and the World Cup last year. in which he played against Western Somoa. But his rugged, ball-winning skills have made him a regular in Queensland's back row and earned him a place in the World XV against New Zealand in Wellington in April.

ing like reigning champions,

will be pressed to improve on a draw in their Yorkshire derby

against Sheffield Wednesday,

who have also fallen below

The first division team,

expectations.

At 28, he has more experience to offer than most and has helped ensure a dynamic approach from the Oxford pack that Cambridge will do

well to match. They, too, have their resident Australian in David Dix. their main lineout source, although, at 6ft 7in, David Bickle, his partner, is

# TODAY'S TEAMS AT TWICKENHAM

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D P O'Mahony 12 (Methodist Col), S F du Toit (Paul Roos Gyrn, SA and Christ Ch)

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(Wanganu Coll, NZ and St Ceth's) C\_C Lion-Cachet 7 (Pretoria Boys and Keble) B G O'Mahony entation Bros., Cork and Kebie)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 D S Currie (RGS High Wycombe and Templeton); 17 P E Miles (King Henry VIII. Coverby and Keble). 18 M R Humphreys (Methodist College, Belfast and Brasences): 18 A B McConville (Amidžat, NSW and SI Anne \$); 20 P F Coversy (Clongowes Wood College, Dublin and Templeton); 21 C L Keey (Harrow and Keble).

IN BRIEF

Clark takes

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Cambridge University L Davies

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(Nower Hill HS and Hughes Hall) DPADix (Shore, Sydney and Hughes Hall) R H J Jenkins (Oundle and Downing) E W Peters\* (Brentwood and Hughes Hall)

"Captain Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).

REPLACEMENTS: 18 A Boyd (St Cleve's and Jesus); 17 D P Wright (St Ambrose. Athrictism and Magdelene); 18 A P T Nickalle (Sodbergh and St Edmunds); 19 J M Priessley (Bradford GS and Hughes Hall); 20 T Keith-Rosch (Dulwich College and Jesus); 21 P C M Irons (Wellington College and Hughes Hall).

the tallest man on the field. Indeed the sides are well matched for height at the lineout, which suggests that what happens around the field may determine the outcome. Over the last decade, the

generalisation has been of Öxford's forward strength against Cambridge's backs but today the Dark Blues will be keen to use their own threequarters, backed up by Niall Malone's boot. Malone, the Ireland Under-21 standoff half, has kicked well tactically in Oxford's six wins from ten games this term, while outside him lie the strong runners, Kevin Street, David Spence, from Natal, and, of course. Audley Lumsden.

Lumsden is one of two England B players on the field, the other being Damian Hopley in the Cambridge centre. Hopley and Paul Flood form a powerful pairing and if the elusive Kevin Price, scorer of the final try in Cambridge's win a year ago, can find the half gap, either centre is capable of finishing off.

But the Cambridge backs, hampered by Hopley's absence through injury and representative calls, have not always combined to the best effect, even though they have won eight of their 14 fixtures. To ask them to do so before a capacity audience of 54,000, on the grandest stage any of them have occupied, may be



Spirited effort: Michael Owens was New Zealand's best bowler despite a jaw injury which needed seven stitches

#### CRICKET

# Sri Lanka establish a powerful position

Colombo: Jayananda Warnaweera, the Sri Lankan Colombo: bowier whose action has been called into question by Martin Crowe, pushed New Zealand to the brink of the follow-on by taking four wickets for 24 runs on the second day of the second Test here.

Warnaweera claimed four of the top five in the order as New Zealand slipped to 100 for seven. 294 behind, after an opening stand of 57 by Hartland and Wright.

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M B Owens and C Pringle to bat FALL OF WICKETS. 1-67, 2-60, 3-63, 4-64, 5-69, 6-97, 7-99. BOWLING: Lyanaga 7-1-9-0. Gurusinho 4-1-15-0; Anurasati 6-1-13-0; Hathurusingha 7-3-14-0; Wamaweera 14-3-24-4; Mura-lifheran 11-3-21-2. Umpires. T M Semerasinghe and 1 Anandappa.

## POOLS FORECAST

CRYSTAL Palace, although second from bottom of the Premier League, may have turned the corner. Their last two results — their first home victory of the season against Sheffield United on Saturday and a draw at Liverpool in the Coca-Cola Cup - were de-served and it would not surprise me if they held Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road, despite the great disparity in their league positions. Leeds United, looking noth-

Saturday December 12 unless stated PREMIÈR LEAGUE 1 A Villa v Notim F 1 Ipswich v Man City X Leeds v Shelf Wed 1 Man Utd v Norwich X QPR v C Palace X South pton v Coventry 1 Wimbledon v Oldham Not on coupons: Uverpool v Blackburn (Sunday), Middlesbrough v Chelsea (Friday), Shelfield United v Everton; Totlenham v FIRST DIVISION

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FIXED ODOS: Homes: Derby, West Ham, Bromsgrove, Slough, Hibernian Draws: Leeds, Burniey, Mansfield Aways: Roth-erham, Entield, Pangera. ☐ Vince Wright

Tranmere Rovers, enjoying their best season, must fancy their chances of an away point against fellow promotion contenders, Swindon Town, who

Martin Clark took a 5-3 lead over Gary Wilkinson, the defending champion, in their best of 17-frame Coalite let themselves down in their World Matchplay snooker defeat by Derby County on quarter-final at The Dome,

Doncaster, yesterday.

After losing the first frame, Clark, 24, swiftly went 4-1 ahead before Wilkinson compiled breaks of 113, 48 and 40 to cut the deficit. Clark then won the last frame of the

Ball-tampering fine Cricket: Transvaal have been given a suspended fine of £1,200 after being found guilty of ball-tampering in a Castle Cup match against

New job for Platts Golf: The PGA European

Eastern Province last month.

Tour yesterday announced the appointment of Mitchell Platts, golf correspondent of The Times, as its director of communications and public relations.

John Morgan

The memorial service for ex-Daily Express sports editor, John Morgan, 68, will be at St Brides Church. Fleet Street, London tomorrow at noon.

**YACHTING** 

# Cherry's crew equal to race repair challenge

Punta Arenas, Chile: Vivien Lybrand skipper, the repair Cherry and her crew on Coopers & Lybrand have maintained third place on the second stage of the British Steel challenge race overnight, despite breaking the bottle screw holding their forestay (Barry Pickthall writes).

Mike Golding's Group 4 Securitas suffered the same experience two weeks ago and the crew lost three days on the fleet putting into port for repairs. But Cherry and her team chose instead to replace the broken part with a bottle screw taken from a leeward

shroud. According to the Coopers &

**FOOTBALL** 

7:30 unless stated

Group B

Anglo-Italian Cup Group A

Bari v Newcastle (2.0)...... Birmingham v Ascoti (8.0). Cesena v Brentlord (1.30).

Bristol City v Regglana (7.45) Cosenza v West Ham (5.30) . Derby v Cremonese (7.45)..... Plsa v Tranmer .....

Autoglass Trophy

Blackpool v Wigan Bolton v Bury......

Cardiff v Hereford...

First round

resulted "from a brain storming session, as we were 1,000 miles from land. Until the repair was complete we had not thought it possible to affect a 100 per cent repair and continue at maximum efficiency. We surprised the fleet at our speedy repair and cele-brated with a mid-morning

beer". LEADING POSITIONS (at 0900 GMT LEADING POSITIONS (at 0800 GMT vesterdey, with miles to Hobard: 1. Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 4,189, 2, Commercial Union (R Memweather), 4,240; 3, Coopers & Lybrand (V Chernyl, 4,281; 4, Hofbritu Lager (P Goss), 4,268; 5, British Steel II (R Tudor), 4,288; 6, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 4,298; 7, Pride of Teessade (I McGallievray), 4,302, 8, Group 4 Securities (M Golding), 4,384; 9, Interspray (P Jeffec), 4,700; 10, Rhone-Poulenc (P Philips), 4,934

TODAY'S FIXEURES

Exeter v Torquey Gillingham v Fulham (7.45)... Rotherham v Scunthorpe..... Walsalf v Mansfield (7.45)....

Hartlepool v Scarborough.....

GM Vauxhall Conference

POSTPONED: Bath v Kettering; Stafford v Koderminster

Hamilton v Clydebank.....

Tennents Scottish Cup

First round Cove Rangers v Peterhead. Forfar v Albion.....

Welling v Woking .....

Scottish League

First division

any sort of a task.
Jadeja and Raman drove and pushed runs confidently. From the moment Cronje

HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Droyladen v Marine First division: Notherseld v Wartington, Chellenge Cup:

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Briton Ferry v Llanelir; Llanklices v Portimadoc; Maesteg Park v Cembran (7.15); Newtown v Holyweli.

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PONTING CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Marchaster City v Manchester United (6.45), Shelfield Wednesday v Sunderland (7.0) Second division: Cov-entry v Burnley (7.0). NEVALE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Oxford United v Arsenst; Wastord v Swindon.

v Witney BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: Chall-

first day-night international here yesterday after India

collapsed against Hansie Cronje's medium pace (Rich-

and Streeton writes). Cronje

Jadeja and Raman shared a first-wicket stand of 92 before

they were separated in the 28th over. All momentum was

then lost as wickets tumbled to

several poor strokes. South

Africa started well and reached 88 for the loss of

There was little justification

for the strangle-hold which Cronje established. Only a

few forceful blows near the

end from Kapil Dev enabled

India to leave their opponents

Hudson after 29 overs.

finished with five for 32.

needed to accelerate. Cronje,

important wickets went down. Cronje's first seven overs brought him two for 21 and when he came back for his last three, he quickly struck again.

Cape Town: South Africa were left to make 185 to win the bowled, however, South Africa wrested the initiative. India's setbacks when the openers realised they

Cronje halts Indian momentum

in his third over, bowled Raman. In his next he had Jadeja caught at short midwicket. Azharuddin drove loosely at a fairly wide ball from Donald and was caught behind. Tendulkar edged a break-back from McMillan into his stumps. India managed to score only 30 runs between the thirtieth and fortieth overs as these two

A D Jadeja c Rivsten b Cronje ... 48
W V Raman b Cronje ... 47
"M Azheruddin c Richardson b Donald .. 9
S R Tenchukar b McMillam .... 15
S V Mannjeder c Matthews b Cronje ... 12
P K Amre c Hudson b Cronje ... 4

Abans v Bognor Regis. League Cup: Second-round replays: Hendon v Alder-shot Town: Sulfon United v Boreham Wood; Aylesbury v Erifield: Windsor and Eton v Høyes; Worthing v Kingstonian.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP: Prefirmery round replay: Wabach v Dies.

**RUGBY UNION** University match Oxford v Cambridge (at Twickenham, 2,00)...

enga Cup: Second round replay; Athertor LR v Fixtori.

VALDOHALL FA TROPHY: Third qualitying nound: Burton Abion v Nuneaton Borough: Westbley v Stafford Rangers. Third qualitying round replay: Wembley v Stafford Rangers: Burton Abion v Nuneaton Borough ANSELLS MEDLAND COMBINATION: Pre-miner division: Pershore Town '88 v

OTHER SPORT

Kapil Dev c Cronie b McMillan 27
M Prabhaker c Wessels b Cronie 8
1K S More c Kristen b Doneld 4
A R Kumble not out 3
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SOUTH AFRICA: K C Wessels (captain). A C Hudson, P N Kirsten, J N Rhodes, W J Cronte, D J Callaghan, B M McMillen, D J Richardson, P S de Villiers, A A Donald, C R Umpires: K Liebenberg and B Lambson.

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mmor, Op 60; with Emanu Ax, piano, Jaime Laredo, viola, Yo-Yo Ma, cello); Stravinsky (Violin Concerto: with Columbia Symphony Orchestra under the 12.00 Bach from Utrecht: Nicholas tour programmes of Bach Utrecht lestival. Cantata No 17, Wer Dank optert, der preiset much, Concerto in D

Anderson presents the last of minor. BWV 1059; Cantata No 78, Jesu, der du meine Seele

1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk performs Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 4 in G minor. Nikolas

(Symphony No 4 in F minor)
215 Siner Buckley, harpschord, performs Böhm (Prelude, rugue and Prelude in G minor), annio Bohm (Suste in E flat); Bustehude (Prelude and Fugue in G minor) (r) 2.45 On Water: John Mark Ainsley

tenor, and Julius Drake, pieno, perform a selection of Schubert scittings

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax (29088) 6.30 Breakfast News (40141798) 9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chars a studio discussion on a topical subject (2018972) 9.45 Ross King. Quz game show (s) (8000866) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (3832972) 10.05 Playdays. For

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10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (48991040)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers is joined by Cliff Richard (s) (8716224)
12.55 Personal Masse and weather (65940622)

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12.55 Regional News and weather (65840682)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (51514)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (21281040)
1.50 Rugby Union. Live coverage of the 111th Varsity metch, for the Bowring. Bowl, introduced from Twickenham by Chris Rea. The

Bowring, Bowl, introduced from Twickenham by Chris Rea. The commentator is Nigel Starmer-Smith (s) (98989601)

3.50 Harum Scarum (s) (6089137) 4.00 Funnybones (s) (7328750) 4.05 Spacevets (s) (222524) 4.20 The Chipmunks (r) (2246717) 4.35 Artifax, News from the world of design (Ceelax) (s) (5041595) 5.00 Newsround (2730595) 5.10 Byker Grove. Children's drama senes set in a Geordie youth club. (Ceefax) (8483021) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (556392). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax)

Weather (427)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (779). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Telly Addicts Television trivia quiz (s) (6137)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (663)
8.00 Citizen Smith. Wolfie and the rest of the Tooting Popular Front are

8.00 Critizen Smith. Wome and the rest of the Tooling Popular Front are asked to help a man out for revenge (r). (Ceefax) (5885)
8.30 A Question of Sport introduced by David Coleman. This week lan Botham and Bill Beaumont are joined by Greg Searle, Kriss Akabust, Dean Saunders and Sally Gunnell (Ceefax) (4392)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news

9.30 Kinsey. The final episode of the drama about a Midlands lawyer, starring Leigh Lawson. (Ceefax) (s) (897311). Wales. Week in Week Out 10.00 Kinsey

10.25 Omnibus: John Ford. CHOICE: Lindsay Anderson concludes his two-part profile by drawing parallels between his subject and Shakespeare. Both, he suggests, were popular artists in the best sense, both were poets of suggests, were popular artists in the best sense, both were poets or humanity. From almost anyone else such compansons might seem tanctful but Anderson knows his man and presents a persuasive case. Taking the story from the second world war to Ford's death in 1973. Anderson makes telling use of clips, does not gloss over his hero's artistic decline and goes against current critical fashion by refusing to include The Searchers among the list of master works. Amono the contributors is Maureen O'Hara, who suffered like many Among the contributors is Maureen O'Hara, who suffered like many players from Ford's rough tongue but even now cannot speak of him without shedding a tear. (Ceefax) (s) (505088). Northern Ireland: Go For It 10.55 Country Times; Wales 10.55 Omnibus



Hostage: the monster ape terrorises Fay Wray (11.15pm)

11.15 Film: King Kong (1933, b/w).

● CHOICE: After nearly 60 years, and despite a revolution in the technology of special effects, the king of the monster films still wields its terrifying spell. This is because we can get involved with the late of the characters, not only the hapless Fay Wray, taken hostage by the big ape, but a creature itself. Mrg Kong is not just a monster but a tracif force who depends pits. The confirms a monster but a tragic figure who demands pfly. The co-directors, Ernest B. Shoedsack and Merian C. Cooper, had worked together on travel documentaries and the idea for the film may have come from Cooper's fascination with the habits of the gorilla. The thriller writer Edgar Wallace worked on the screenplay and may have contributed to the film's narrative drive. But the unsung star is the animator Witlis O'Brien, who worked wonders with 16-inch high models and trick photography. (Ceefax) (599798). Northern Ireland: 11.20 Omnibus 12.10am-1.45 Film: King Kong; Wales: 11.45-1.20 Film: King Kong 12.50am Weather (5658248). Ends at 12.55 2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (356880).

8.00 Breakfast News (5361408) 8.15 Westminster (5450595) 9.00 Film: Up In Mabel's Room (1944, b/w) starring Marjorie Rwynolds and Dennis O'Keefe. Comedy about an innocent man whose wife misunderstands his intentions when his business partner becomes engaged to his old flame. Directed by Allan Dwan (2065205) 10.15 Film: Getting Gertie's Garter (1945, b/w) staming Dennis O'Keete and Marie McDonald. Stapstick farce about a newly-married man

BBC2

days. Directed by Allan Dwan (1650021)

11.30 Film: Mr Music (1950, b/w) starring Bing Crosby and Nancy Olson Lightweight musical comedy about a successful songwriter who decides to give up work and spend his time on the golf course but he has not reckoned on the persuasive powers of his secretary.

Directed by Richard Haydn (48819408)

who is embarrassed by a voluptuous diversion from his bachelor

1.20 Chartle Chalk. Animation (r) (40489886) 1.35 Another War, Another Peace. Magnus Magnusson examines the post-second world war chill in relations between East and West

2.00 News and weather (59326069) followed by Round Robin. An RSPB film about robins, narrated by Bernard Cribbins (n) (93302069) 2.30 See Hear! Magazine series for the hearing

impaired (r) (840) 3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7827966) followed by Westminster Live presented by lain Macwhirter and John Cole (9277021) 3.50

News (Teletext) regional news and weather (6087779)
4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths hosted by Paul Coia (s) (392)
4.30 Behind the Headlines. John Diamond is joined byt Rabbi Julia

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5.00 Mama Punda. The story of Etisabeth Svendsen and her Devon sanctuary where she keeps more than 3,500 donkeys (r) (7243)
5.30 Film 92 with Barry Norman (r) (s) (156)
6.00 Film: Rio Grande (1950, b/w). The John Ford season contines with this final film from his US Cavalry trilogy. John Wayne stars as the cavalry colonel lighting on the professional and domestic fronts when his fort is attacked by Apaches at a time his estranged wife arrives to bring home their son — his latest recruit. With Maureen O'Hara and Ben Johnson (70605330)

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7.40 Assignment: Return of the White Fox. Hugh Prysor-Jones presents a profile of Eduard Shevardnaze, the former Soviet diplomat now living in his native Georgia (584327)



Helping to raise public awareness: Julie Christie (8,25pm)

8.25 Prisoners of Conscience. Julie Christie on someone imprisoned because of their beliefs (802224)

8.30 Food and Drink. Includes a guide for first-time turkey cooks (s)

9.00 Quantum Leap. Off-beat science fiction series starring Scott
Bakula as a time-trapped scientist. In this story set in 1974 under the skin of the lead singer of a British rock group. (Ceefax) (s) (557953)

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9.50 Troubleshooter 2: Grasping the Nettle.

CHOKE: Letts may be synonymous with diaries but for reasons not entirely explained in this film it has been running up huge losses. One of Britain's oldest family firms, currently run by such generation brothers, is in trouble. Enter Sir John Harvey-Jones, of the windswept hair and the forthright style. "Is he going to completely crucify us?", asks an infinitive-splitting Letts executive, who has clearly been watching the series and knows the score. The first signs of disenchantment usually emerge during the factory visit. Sir John does not diseppoint, "The last time I saw anything like this", he remarks of a piece of less than up-to-the-minute machinery, "was in Poland". You wonder whether the makers of this watchable senes would dare to let Sir John into the BBC. It could make a wonderful

programme. (Ceefax) (570999)

10.30 Newshight with Peter Snow (328363)

11.15 Prisoners of Conscience presented by Julie Christie (431934)

11.20 Edward Munch. The second part of Peter Walkins's film portrait of

the Norweglan artist (426427) 12.05am Behind the Headlines. As 4.30pm (8959083) 12.35 Weather (6021462)

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am (5799359) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game show hosted by Alistair Divail (6975865) 9.55 Thames News (9457953)

10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion programme

10.35 This Morning. Family magazine senes. Today's edition includes fashion and beauty advice, an episode from the topical soap Tuesdays and Thursdays and consumer affairs. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (25264717)

12.10 Playbox. Early learning entertainment (r) (6476779)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (1316972) 1.05 Thames News (40404175)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama senal. (Oracle) (706359) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in an Australian outback town (s) (798330)

2.15 Snooker. Action from the third quarter-final of the Coalite World Matchplay championship (7385427)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7838972) 3.15 Thames News headlines (7837243) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama senal set in an

Australian city hospital (3755576)
3.50 Fraggle Rock. Puppet senes (r) (5372576) 4.05 The Raggy Dolls (s) (7343069) 4.15 Mike and Angelo. Comedy drama series from Arrerica (r) (8961934) 4.40 Children's Ward. Hospital drama

series. (Oracle) (s) (8136392)
5.10 Famous People, Famous Places. Quiz show presented by William G. Stewart (5450430) 5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (441021)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (595) 6.30 Thames News (175)



Plans for Christmas: Ronald Magill, left, as Amos (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Drama serial set in the Yorkshire Dales (s) (1205) 7.30 The Home Show. Advice on home improvements presented by Adam Caplin, Linda Coggin and Susy Smith (r) (359)

8.00 The Bill: Cold Shoulder. DCI Meadows suspects a vigilante-type attack when a man is stabbed in the middle of a courtyard

overlooked by densely populated flats and there are no witnesses. (Oracle) (5363)

8.30 The Upper Hand. Comedy series about a businesswomen with a male housekeeper. Starring Joe McGann, Diana Weston and Honor Blackman (s) (9088)

9.00 The Blackheath Poisonings. Episode two of the three-part Victorian murder mystery. (Oracle) (s) (8205)
 10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (59595)
 10.30 Thames News

10.40 Snooker. The closing frames of the third quarter-final of the Coalite World Matchplay championship from the Dome, Doncaster (91325885)

12.30am Video View presented by Mariella Frostrup. The latest releases reviewed (55354)

1.30 The Equalizer. McCloud comes to the aid of a victim of the Mob

and a former stage actress. Starring Edward Woodward (33441)
2.30 Donahue. Phil Donahue meets couple who reveal how they manage to keep the passion going in their relationship (8369373) 3.20 60 Minutes. American news magazine (6763847)
4.10 The Twilight Zone: Cat and Mouse. A tale of the supernatural about a woman who becomes involved with a man who can turn

into a cal. Starring Pamela Bellwood and Page Fletcher (r) (60734731) 4.40 Short Story Theatre. Me and You Kangaroo and Jack of Hearts.

Two short dramas on the theme of growing up (4566373) 5.30 ITN Morning News (18557). Ends at 8.00

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (83798) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (41137) 9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show (s) (6963021) 9.25 Film: Back Room Boy (1942, b/w). Another in the short Arthur Askey season. In this comedy he is banished to a remote lighthouse and becomes involved with shipwrecked models and Nazl spies With Googie Withers. Directed by Herbert Mason (8964224)

10.55 Look At Britain — The Saturday Men. A documentary about West Bromwich Albion football club, made in 1962 (r) (4558750) 11.30 Credo. The second of ten programmes about religions all over the world looks at how the Polish Catholic Church has helped to

preserve the country's culture and identity (8717)

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12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (56408)

12.30 Sesame Street (88750) 1.30 Take 5 (90330)

2.00 Film: Thanks a Million (1935, b/w) starring Dick Powell. Ann Dvorak and Fred Allen. Musical comedy about a singer who stands in for a drunken pothical candidate and ends up being elected governor of Perinsylvania. Directed by Roy Del Ruth (272427)

3.35 Film: The Knight is Young (1938, b/w) starring June Allyson as a woman beguled by an advertisement that comes to life (3769243)

4.00 Family Pride. Soap about a Midlands-besed Asian family (s) (208)

4.30 Fitneen To One Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (972)

5.00 Crawshaw Paints Oils. Painting from photographs (2311)

5.30 The Treasure Hunters. Two divers investigate a Spanish galleon in that sank off the Florida coast in 1732 (224)

6.00 Remote Control. Comedy quiz (s) (137)

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6.30 Rossanne. Wisecracking wit (f). (Teletext) (717)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (162750)
7.50 Comment. Mel Thorley in praise of train spotting (394595)

8.00 People First: A Door to Understanding. The last in the series of documentanes on disability (f). (Teletext) (8595)

8.30 The Feast of Christmas. Paul Levy prepares a mediaeval banquet and Claudia Roden cooks a turkey Eastern-style. (Teletext) (7530)

Fascism and farce: Linal Haft looks at Adolf Hitler (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls The Great Dictator (7224) and 9.30 The Final

Score (88595). ● CHOICE: The Jewish actor Linal Haft explores why Hitler continues to fascinate and looks at versions of the Führer in the cinema, in cartoons, on stage and in television cornedy. The last provides the most intriguing question: how can somebody so evil become an object of fun? John Cleese goose-stepping his way through a sketch in Monty Python's Flying Circus is undernably hilanous, but should we think twice before laughing? Among those groping for an answer are the actor Simon Callow and Rabbi Lionel Blue. In The Final Score the composer Michael Nyman, a name most readily associated with the cerebral chema of Peter Composer in the International Peter Composer in the International Peter Composer in the International Peter Interna Greenaway, incluiges his passion for football. Images of his lavourite club, Queen's Park Rangers, and player, Stan Bowles, accompany a typically inventive score

10.00 Film on Four: Soursweet (1988) starring Sylvia Chang and Danny Dun. Drama about a young Hong Kong couple who come to London hoping to make a fortune in the take-away business but become unwittingly embroiled with the Chinese underworld.
Directed by Mike Newell (22454885)

12.05am Brass. Wickedly funny comedy series staring Timothy West as a despotic munitions factory owner (r) (s) (8944151)

12.35 Film: His Lordship (1936, b/w) starring George Artiss as twin

brothers — one the British foreign secretary, the other an adventurer who kidnaps his twin to save Britain from a war. Directed by Herbert Mason (1727977). Ends at 1.50

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(8590663) 11.55 News (3044243) 12.05am
Close RTE 1

# SATELLITE

8.00am The DJ Kai Show (82106601) 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot (3539614) 8.55 Playabout (4545156) 9.10 Cartoons (7386334) 9.30 The Pyramid Game (42717) 10.00 Let's Make a Deal (60798) 10.30 The Bold and the

2.00pm Mascom Taxos a Snot (1990): An advicte discovers he has epileppy (56595) 3.00 The Perfect Data (1989). Teenage correctly staming the Fresh Prince (3351322) 3.55 Coal Milmer's Daughter (1990). Sissy Spacek plays Lorella Lyrin (9332)953) 6.00 Backfield in Motion (as 10am) 123512705

11.35 The King of New York (1990): Volent timfer with Christopher Wellen (262392) 1.20am Monitory Shines (1986): A monkey threaters the life of quadraplegic Jason Begine (7772/2005) 3.50 Howling Vi: The Freeks (1990): A werewolf pons the circus and confronts a vampure (885/712). Ends at 5.30 SKY MOVIES GOLD

(80678798) 8.15 The Cowboys (1972) John Wayne enlists the help of schoolboys for a Cattle drave (6875306£)

10.20 Carrie (1976): Sesy Spacek plays the vicinnisad schoolgirl with psychic powers (797243) Ends at 12.00

7.00mm Treasure Island (1972): Slamng Orson Welles (81779) 9.00 The Truth About Women (1958) 9.00 The Truth About Women (1958) Elderly rake Laurence Harvey recalls his amorous exclosis (63885) 11.00 On Rosalindal (1955) A pleyboy 11.00 Oh Rosalindal (1955): A playboy plays a joke on lour officers (17408) 1.00pm Space Ridders (1983) Barry Sheere in a story of motorbrids marby (67601) 3.00 White Cradle Inn (1947, blw): A Swisshotel owner adopts a refugee (82953) 5.00 Young at Heart (1954). Muscal romance staming Dons Day (2953) 7.00 Miss Firecracker (1999), Holly Hunter enters the local beauty contest (92593) 9.00 Dances with Wolves (1990) Kevin Costner's Oscar-winning western (726446) 12.00 Playmesm III (1996): Hong story Costner's Oscar-winning western (726446) 12.00 Phantesm II (1988): Honor story about a plot to turn people into midget

creatures (404626) 1.40am Why Me? (1990): Cornedy about a 1.40am why were (1991; Comboy 2000; 2 par of jewel thieves (255422) 3.15 Rude Awakening (1989): Two hipper return to New York after 20 years (774731) 5.00 The Fighting Kentuckian (1949) Farmer John Wayne helps setters to keep their land (39090880). Ends at 6.35

SKY SPORTS 8.38am Morning Stretch (60430) 7.00 FA Premier League. Everton v Liverpool (29953) 9.00 Morning Stretch (37408) 9.30 Soots and All (67381) 10.30 AMA Supercoss (94446) 11.30 Stretch (60427) 12.00 Pool (94446) 11.30 Stretch (60427) 12.00 Pool (71330) 1.00pts FA Premier League (as 7am) (12175) 3.00 Team Termis (95205) 5.00 Boots and All (5682) 6.00 Soccer Nava (654039) 6.03 Super Trax (77514) 7.00 Red Line (15601) 8.00 Muscla Night (91021) 9.00 The Footballer's Football Show (91888) 11.00 German League Football (94576) 1.00-2.00em Super Trax (29064)

EUROSPORT 8.00mm Step Aerobics (32953) 8.30 Figure Stating: World Junior Championship from Seoul (28476) 10.30 Step Aerobics (51088) 11.00 Women's Handball World Champion-ship (13952) 12.00 Europoals (73798) 1.00pm Football — Games of Ballions 1.00pm | 1.00toan — Garres or (62446) 2.00 Terms Davis Cup Final (91804 4.00 Football — Games of Ballons (9844 1.00 Football — Games of Ballons (9844 1.00 Football — Games of Ballons (9846 1.00 Football — Games of 5.00 Eurogoals (4250) 6.00 Biliards (6268 7.00 Figure Skating (93359) 8.30 Na (6934) 9.00 Kick Boding (41363) 10.0 (6934) 9.00 Kick Boxing (41363) Boxing (90514) 11.30 News (82934)

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Inought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Glore Hurmford 3.30 Ed Siewari 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Back to Square One. English language quiz 7.30 Such Sweet Harmony (1/6) (r) 8.00 Holtywood Bowl Pops (1/6) 9.00 treagne John Lennon Was Dead. The former Beatle was murdered 12 years ago today by Mark David Chapman. Why? 19.00 North Country. Two Hearts and Horky-Took Hoboes from the City Hall, Hull 19.30 The Jamesons 12.06em Jazz Parade 12.35 Steve Madden

CLASSIC FM

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(40448) 8.00 CSI Vienna The Derby (76663) 9.00 Powersports (62972) 10.00 Macau Grand Prix (39330) 11.00 Eurobics (70040) 11.30 Top Match Football (54953) 1.30pm and the Magic Torch (10964362) 6.30 The All Powerboat World (64205) 2,30 Ten-Pin Bowling (10175) 3,30 Rally Championship 122717) 4,30 Football Europa (49601) 5,30 Snooker (20040) 6,30 Snooker (48633 8,30 Pro Box Irom Germany (47507) 10,30 NFL (79330) 12,30-1,00am Tennis (40248)

LIFESTYLE

10.00am The Spiral Zone (84392) 10.30 Cover Story (4230) 11.00 Gloss (72408) 11.30 The Joan Rivers Show (2094885) 12.15pm Selly Jessy Raphael (8378798) 1.10 Lunchbox (6425021) 1.40 Sell-Vision (4566279) 2.10 The Ante Room Vision (45662779) 2.10 The Ante Hoom (3813798) 3.00 The New Newlywed Game (7040) 3.30 Burns and Alian (8582175) 4.10 Dick Van Dyke Show (8333427) 4.30 Jackpot (5750) 5.00 Concentration (9885) 5.30 Selfa-Vision (9330) 6.00 Selfy Jessy Raphael (60224) 7.00 Selfa-Vision (238966) 10.00 Videos (8820040) 2.30am Top Five (74002)

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# RADIO 3

7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor with music, news, weather and arts stories. Including Telemann (Concerto in G. Polonois): Vaughan Williams (In the Fen Country); Shostakovich (Festive Overture, Op 96); Mozart (Plano Concerto No 21

on C, K467) 9.00 Composer of the Week. Stravinsky — Reinventing the Past (1920-1951) Joanna MacGregor presents chamber and instrumental music. Octet (Columbia Chamber Ensemble under the composer): Serenade in A (the composer, plano); Elegy (Nobuko Imai, viola); Concerto for two planos

Watson considers the work of Frank Zappa, Greg Aliman, Dave Stewart and Don Pullen 5.00 in Turne: Andrew Green's (Igor and Soulima Stravinsky) Issac Stern with Friends: Bach (Trio Sonata in G, BWV choice of music, with news and arts stories 7.30 London Philharmonic under 1038: with Jean-Pierre Rampal, flute, John Steele Ritter, harpsichord, Leslie Pamas, callo): Beethoven (Sonata in F. Op 24, Spring with Eugene Istornin, piano); Shostakovich (Piano Trio No 2, Op 67; with Yo-Yo Ma, cello, and Emanuel Ax. piano);

the 18th century (r). 8.20
Mahler (Symphony No 1 in D)
9.25 Bridget Riley: Five Dialogues
on Art — Questions of How
and Why. In the second
programme, the art historian
Professor Sir Ernet Gombrich
tails to Bridget Riley about the
arms of her art and the effects
that policy and pattern have that colour and pattern have on our sense of vision 9.45 Britten and Mozart: The Chilingirian Cuartet performs Mozart (Cuartet in B flat, K458, The Hurd): Britten (Quartet No as recorded at the 1991

10.45 Night Waves: Humphrey 5 Night Waves: Humprray
Carpenter tails to Nicholas
Hytner, whose production of
the musical Carousel is
opening at the Royal National
Theatre, London; the painter
Paul Rego illustrates Peter
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11.30 Stravinsky: Persephone (John Aler, tenor, Laurence Bouvard, narrator, New London Chalcren's Choir, BBC Singers, BBC Symphony Chorus and Orchestre under David Atheron) 12.30am News
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whispering message of the lower bowel. Possibly so. But this compilation of radio highlights of the year when BBC radio came of age shows that many other messages, were heard in 1943, though not all of them whispering. There was the first outside broadcast of a bombing raid over Berlin ("My God! This is a bloody good show!"), an inspirational talk by Be-Ba, the freedom fighting French elephant, and the factory

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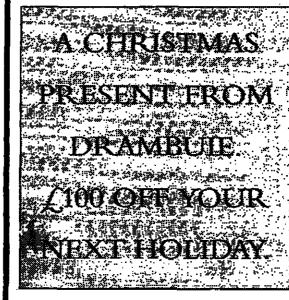
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**TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 1992** 

Rangers lose their captain

# Gough to miss **CSKA** match through fitness

RANGERS yesterday ruled their captain, Richard Gough, out of their second European Champions League fixture against CSKA Moscow in Germany tomorrow night. Gough was substituted at halftime in the previous match against Marseilles at Ibrox on November 25 and has not played since.

The Marseilles game was Gough's first appearance after he had been out for three weeks because of a tom groin muscle, but the injury he received against the French champions was a blow to the thigh, which caused internal bleeding. Although Gough may require an operation for his groin problem and could be out of football for up to three months, it was not injury which debarred him from appearing against CSKA. "If Richard had been train-

ing he could have played." the Rangers manager, Walter Smith, said yesterday. "but because of the groin injury he hasn't been training for a month. It is his general lack of fitness which rules him out.

"Naturally we're particular-ly disappointed to lose our captain, but we have plenty of experience in that department and we will just have to get on with it." Smith also revealed

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that Huistra and Gordon will be left at home when the team. flies to Bochum this morning because of the rule which restricts fielding a maximum of three foreigners, a quota which will be drawn from the quartet of Hateley. Mikhailichenko, Steven and

It seems reasonable to as-sume that, if McPherson and Brown form the central defensive partnership, the right back role will be taken by Stevens with Robertson at left back. Since Hateley is a certain starter alongside McCoist, the manager must decide whether Steven or Mikhailichenko is better placed to give Rangers the width they require to get the best from

their forward partnership. Steven feels fully fit once more after a season disrupted by injuries. Mikhailichenko. on the other hand, was not productive against Marseilles and he left his first serious contribution until 12 minutes from the end, but the cross he delivered offered McSwegan the header which brought

Rangers' first goal. (f Mikhailichenko does play he will be on the left flank of a midfield deployment, which would combine Durrant, Ferguson and McCall.

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Rangers, therefore, are likely to be close to full strength, although the bench will again be made up of the cadets who were on duty for the Mar-seilles game. This time, however, Murray, McSwegan and Pressley have at least been blooded in the tournament.

The education process was not confined to the juniors. "We had a lot of people missing and that made a difference to our chances, but we know we didn't play well against Marseilles and everyone is very keen to show that we can do much better this time," McCoist said.

"CSKA are a fast team who can absorb pressure for most of a game and then strike when you are up at their end, but they have a couple of weaknesses, too, lack of experience in some departments being one, maybe.

"They play a man-to-man system with a sweeper and although they score a lot of goals, they let a few in as well, so Mark Hateley and I hope we will be able to find a little bit of space around their penalty area."

Rangers, who ended Motherwell's reign as Tennents Scottish Cup holders last sea-son, begin their defence of the

son, begin their defence of the trophy away to the same opponents next month.
THIRD ROUND: Aberdeen v Hamilton; Cove Rangers or Peterhead or Montrose v Vale of Leithen or East Stirling; Mothenwell v Rangers; Strling Albon v East File or Albo. Dundee United v Mesdowbank; Kimamock v Raith Flovers; Arche v Clydebank; Gala Fasydean or Arborath v Monton; Panck Thislie v Cowdenbeath; Hiberman v St Mirrer; Dundee v Dumbarton, Cyde or Brechin v Cette: Duntermine v Ayr United: Fallink v Inverties Thistie or Benwick Rangers, St Johnstone v Stenhousernur or Forlar or Albon Rovers; Heart of Middothan v Huntly or Queen of the South. Ties to be

# **Preston** decide on Beck

By LOUISE TAYLOR

JOHN Beck, 38, who took Cambridge United from the fourth division to the second division in successive seasons and from there to to the brink of the Premier League, was yesterday appointed the new manager of Preston North

Beck's remarkable record at Cambridge was achieved despite criticisms of his team's direct style and allegations of gamesmanship. He was dis-missed in October, as was Gary Peters, his assistant, who will be joining him at the

Lancashire dub. Sam Allaroyce, who has been acting as caretaker-manager, will revert to youth coach. "Preston has been in a coma for a long time but the support is there for it to be a giant," Beck said.

Hodkinson plans ahead

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

THE much-awaited bout between Paul Hodkinson, the World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight champion, and Colin McMillan, the former World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title-holder, came a

step closer yesterday. It could take place in June, according to Frank Warren, McMillan's promoter. Warren has signed a deal with Hodkinson's manager, B. J. Eastwood, to promote the Liverpool boxer's next defence. against Ricardo Cepeda, of Puerto Rico, in January or February and this could lead

to Warren promoting other

Eastwood boxers. It is the first time that Warren and Eastwood have done business together in nine years and Warren believes it could be the start of bigger things. "We're working together to put on a fight the fans want to see," Warren said. "The two fighters would share £400,000 equally and the winner would receive a £25,000 bonus."

McMillan, who lost his title to Ruben Palacio when forced to retire with a dislocated

back in training in February and fighting again in April. Herbie Hide, the Norwich heavyweight, whose name is on the list of possible oppo-nents for Riddick Bowe, the world champion, is hoping that Bowe's manager, Rock Newman, will be at Alexandra Palace on Saturday to see him against James Pritchard and

shoulder, is expected to be

make him an offer. One hones that Newman will be more impressed than Pritchard, who, pointing to the 18 names on Hide's unbeaten record, said yesterday: "These guys

TERRY Holmes, the former Cardiff and Wales rugby Correspondent writes).

contract, has been offered an extension after Cardiff's 8-6 triumph over Swansea, the Heineken League champions, future."

on Saturday.
"We have formally offered to extend Alex's contract and he has promised to give us a response early in the new

Mervyn John, said. This would give us plenty of time to make a decision as to the

John added that there is "no doubt" Holmes, one of three former Wales internationals presently assisting Evans at Cardiff, would be earmarked

Seeking to impress: Hide, who is a world heavyweight title contender-

# Cardiff may look to Holmes

union captain, could take over as coach at the Arms Park when Alex Evans, the present director of coaching, returns to his native Australia (a Special Evans, who is halfway through his initial ten-month

year," the Cardiff chairman,

Louise Taylor reports on a non-League club's

# Rugby aim to make capital gain

the British Chess Federation This position is the conclusion of the game Larsen — Speelman, Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier 1986/87 where white was on the receiving end of a fine attack. Jon Speelman's vic-tory in this game enabled him 神工器 笠 to finish equal first with Bent Larsen. How did black mate immediately? this year's Hastings tournament features the Hungarian prodigy Judit Polgar. Further details from

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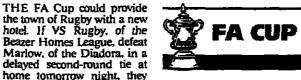
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term, it might be in all our best interests to go to Tottenham." Gallimore hopes that the money generated by his hotel would help push VS up the non-League pyramid. The tar-Vauxhall Conference and, in readiness. Gallimore has already purchased the extra placing them in storage

another 12 months. Apart

from generating the obvious income it would provide the

players with good dressing-

room facilities and, as part of

the hotel complex, I would

have a gymnasium and fitness

wickshire. However, Roy Gallimore, the club's chairman who wants to build a hotel and leisure complex until that aim is achieved.
The hotel would help fulfil
the vision. "We have
planning permission but,
because of the present ecoaround the pitch, believes that the £60,000-plus Rugby could make from switching the tie to White Hart Lane could prove a timely panacea to its financial plight.
"I am keeping the club nomic climate, this venture is on ice," he said. "But if we play Tottenham, we could start building within 12 months and it would be finished inside

affoat with money from my engineering company and there is quite a shortfall between what I am putting in and the club is making in gate receipts," Gallimore said

will meet Tottenham Hotspur

in the third round, and rede-

velop their Butlin Road

Spons - are drawn to play the Premier League side in War-

VS - it stands for Valley

ground on the proceeds.

"Our supporters might be unhappy if, should we beat Marlow, we decided not to play at home, but, in the long

spur to continue their FA Cup run and meet an ambitious plan to accommodate proceeds also want bedrooms overlook-

ing one side of the pitch - on

match days they would be-come hospitality suites."

It is always dangerous to make predictions where the Cup is concerned but the consensus seems to be that Rugby should beat Marlow, who lost 6-0 at West Bromwich Albion in the first round last season.

Not that Mick Martin, 34, who took over as Rugby's player-manager this season. was counting any chickens yesterday. He has spent 14 years in non-League football, the past five playing at Rugby. "My brother is a Tottenham supporter, so Spurs would be the biggest game of my career," he said. "It would also be the first time this club has been in the third round."

Rugby hope for close on a capacity attendance of 5,000 tomorrow - about ten times club for players and guests. I their average - and Doug

Livermore and Ray Clemence are expected to be in the crowd. Not that the Tottenham management team is likely to indulge in casual conversation with spectators. "We don't want to say any-thing until we know who we are playing," was the discreet message from north London.

They will, in football par-lance, be able to run the rule over a Shearer though. "Mick is not related to Alan," Martin said. "But he is the brother of Peter Shearer, who scored for Bournemouth last Saturday." ☐ Birmingham City FC is today officially advertised as for sale, with offers invited for the 84 per cent shareholding belonging to the Kumar brothers, its former owners. The shares, understood to be worth about £750,000, went into receivership as a result of the collapse of BCCI, with whom the Kumars had exten-

# McColgan signs £12 m London Marathon deal

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

LIZ McColgan is poised to become the world's highest-paid marathon runner, man or woman, after signing a deal worth close to £500,000 to compete in the next three London Mara-thons. Her commitment is just the boost the event needs as it tries to combat its shrinking television and street audience.

Although neither mara-thon officials nor the athlete would disclose the appear-ance money to be paid, it is understood that McColgan will receive in the region of £150,000 for each of her efforts, and she can more than double her money from bonuses if she becomes, as she believes she can, the first woman to

break 2hr 20min. Not the least extraordinary aspect to the deal is that McColgan has run only two marathons and, though first in both, she is still not the fastest British woman. Her best time, set in New York last year, is 2:27.32. Veronique Marot's British best mark is

McColgan is being bought on her potential to unleash the most devastating marathon by a woman since Ingrid Kristiansen set the world best time of 2:21.06 in London in 1985. Also purchased is a product capable of taking BBC television viewing figures back towards their peak of the 8.6 million of 1986.

A third successive drop in audience interest this year shrunk the figure to 4.8 million, the lowest for eight



presence in the women's 10,000 metres at the Barcelona Olympics which captured the biggest British television audience of the Games: 13.6 million watched her race compared with the 13.0 million who watched Linford Christie win the 100 metres.

McColgan's popularity stemmed from winning the 10,000 metres at the world championships in Tokyo last year, and she was subsequently named BBC sports personality of the year. She is not in the frame this year after finishing fifth in Barcelona, although she did win the world half-marathon title and set a world indoor record for 5,000 metres.

As she embarked upon her marathon career. McColgan said she would probably be ready by her third race for an attempt at the world best, but, in her second marathon three weeks ago, in Tokyo, she went no faster than in her first. In the 1993 London Marathon, on April 18, she aims to trim Marot's mark while getting to know the course. Her big effort will be in 1994. "I am a relative newcomer to the event and there is still a lot to learn." McColgan, 28, said yesterday. "But one of the reasons I chose London was because it is a fast course and it would be more special to break the record in front of a home crowd. I am confident I can go under

2:20.00." McColgan now outstrips Gelindo Bordin, the 1988 Olympic champion, as London's most expensive buy. Her fees more than double the highest previously paid for a woman, the money spent to secure Rosa. pic champion, this year. It confirms her status ahead of Christie as Britain's wealthiest athlete from appearance

London could not have done better than McColgan to put the race back in the public eye. David Bedford. the international race director, said yesterday: "The fact that we have gone for a three-year deal tells you how important she is to the marathon."

